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12 Week Trek Up the Tower Training Plan – Beginner YMCA OF GREATER OMAHA

Welcome to the Beginner Training plan for the Trek Up The Tower. This training plan is designed for Beginner/Intermediate Climbers who are interested in completing Trek Up The Tower. Stair-climbing events use a variety of muscles and will challenge your cardiovascular system, so it is very important that you don't just hit the Stair Climber (stepmill) 5 times a week. You will want to incorporate cardio and strength training into your workout in order to condition your entire body to support you as you complete the Great Staircase Space Race! The following format is a general guide to follow over 12 weeks. If you have questions about your training, please be sure to reach out to your local gym or YMCA. Choosing to start is the biggest step towards the climbing The First National Tower! Good luck and thank you for letting us support you in your Journey to Space!



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TRAINING PLAN KEY: FULL BODY RESISTANCE TRAINING

Workout A: 4 Sets, 8–12 Reps per set: Mix 4–6 different exercises favoring **lower body**. Loads should be around 70–75% of your estimated 1 rep max. Challenge yourself by increasing weight throughout the 12 week training plan.

Workout B: 4 Sets, 8–12 Reps per set: Mix 4–6 different exercises favoring **upper body**. Loads should be around 70–75% of your estimated 1 rep max. Challenge yourself by increasing weight throughout the 12 week training plan.

Workout C: 3 Sets, 4–6 Reps per set: Mix 4–8 different exercises favoring your **upper & lower body**. Loads should be around 70–85% of your estimated 1 rep max. Challenge yourself by increasing weight throughout the 12 week training plan.

Workout D: 3 Sets, 4–6 Reps per set: Mix 4–8 different exercises favoring your **upper & lower body**. Loads should be around 65–75% of your estimated 1 rep max. Challenge yourself by increasing weight throughout the 12 week training plan.

Examples of exercises for workouts A–D can be found at trekupthetower.org.

12 WEEK BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE TRAINING PLAN

WEEK	SUN-DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUR-DAY
1	Active Rest	Workout A	Incline Sprints (5 min)	Workout B	Incline Sprints (5 min)	Workout A	Active Rest
2	Active Rest	Workout B	Incline Sprints (6 min)	Workout A	Incline Sprints (6 min)	Workout B	Active Rest
3	Active Rest	Workout A & Incline Sprints (7 min)	20 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout B	20 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout A & Incline Sprints (7 min)	Active Rest
4	Active Rest	Workout B & Incline Sprints (8 min)	Incline Sprints (15 min)	Workout A	25 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout B & Incline Sprints (8 min)	Active Rest
5	Active Rest	Workout A	25 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout B	25 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout A	Active Rest
6	Active Rest	Workout B	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout A	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout B	Active Rest
7	Active Rest	Workout A & Incline Sprints (10 min)	Incline Sprints (15 min)	Workout B	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout A & Incline Sprints (10 min)	Active Rest
8	Active Rest	Workout C & Incline Sprints (10 min)	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout C	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout C & Incline Sprints (10 min)	Active Rest
9	Active Rest	Workout C & Incline Sprints (10 min)	Incline Sprints (15 min)	Workout C	Incline Sprints (15 min)	Workout C & Incline Sprints (10 min)	Active Rest
10	Active Rest	Workout D & Incline Sprints (10 min)	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout D	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout D & Incline Sprints (10 min)	Active Rest
11	Active Rest	Workout D	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Workout D	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Rest	Active Rest
12	Active Rest	Rest	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Rest	30 minute Stepmill or Incline Walk/Jog	Rest	Race Day

- Incline sprints can be done on the treadmill, hills, or stairs. Alternate sprinting with adequate rest in between sprints. Sprint speed and/or incline should increase as workouts go on. Sprint 10 seconds & rest 50 seconds. Sprints effort should be 8 out of 10.
- Alternatives for incline sprints would be HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) or other interval workouts for 20–30 minutes. Check these out at your local gym or YMCA.
- Active Rest: Do yoga, take a walk, move around & stretch.
- Rest: Take a nap.