



Ranger School Prep

Objective: To physically and mentally prepare for the success in Ranger school, especially in the critical events.

Plan Overview: This plan is built around the 5-mile run, 12-mile ruck march, and APFT improvement. There are 4 main components of the plan, (1) movement preparation, (2) strength/power, (3) energy system development, and (4) recovery. The plan is heavily focused on durability, as this is a key to success at Ranger School. The weekly plan on average includes:

- 1 ruck/week
- 3 sessions per week of running
- 1-2 recovery sessions per week
- 3-5 strength/power sessions per week

It should be noted that the strength/power sessions are mainly focused on enhancing durability and improving APFT ability. Regular recovery work will be imperative by means of self myo-fascial release (foam rolling, etc.), ice baths, contrast showers, and most importantly adequate nutrition and sleep.

Plan Outline: The overall format of the plan follows an upper/lower pattern for strength and power. The ESD and run improvement component is on alternating days with one fast run, 1 interval run, and 1 long steady run. The ruck plan builds up for the first 6 weeks and tapers for the last 2 weeks. The plan includes two 4-week training cycles and a 1-week taper in which the volume steadily declines. There are diagnostic assessments built into the plan to assess progress.

Ruck Guidance: These rucks should be used to physically prepare the body (legs, hips, traps, feet) for the demands that it will encounter mentally prepare the individual to endure long movements under relatively heavy load, and improve ones ability to nourish and hydrate while on the move by developing a plan that works for the individual. This time should be used to improve pacing, ruck packing, adjust boots, and get accustomed to all equipment used. Remember to aim to keep pace at 15min/mile or better on all rucks. If extra orientation is needed, this can be done while on Saturdays, and should be proceeded with recovery work.

Land Navigation Guidance: It is expected/suggested that you will practice land nav approximately 2-4 times during this 8-week train-up for 4-5 hours per iteration and generally covering a course of 6-10 miles. There should be practice of both day into night, and night into day tactics. This time should be used to practice appropriate pacing while maintaining navigational accuracy. Land nav is in addition to all of the work listed in the plan.

CWSA: Make sure that you are comfortable and prepared for this water-based assessment. If you have not done so in the recent past practice the act of jumping into water with the prescribed uniform/equipment, removing the necessary components, and swimming the 15m distance.

Statics: According to recent data (2000-2012), 57% of total failures happen during RAP week. Of the total failures, 10.11% are for the APFT, 4.23% are for the RPA Run, 2.1% are for the CWSA, 9.23% are for Land Nav, and 3.24% are for the 12-mile Road March.

Summary: This is a baseline plan designed to succeed in Ranger School critical events and should not be taken lightly. Completing this plan requires dedication and commitment to the final goal, attaining the Ranger tab and developing a successful career with important leadership skills.

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week 1		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:			
MOVEMENT	PREP	MP 20.0	MP 26.0	MP 8.0	MP 10	MP 8.0	MP 10	WT	REP	WT	REP		
MOVEMENT	MOVEMENT												
SERIES 1		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
Pushups 6 x 20:20				BB Walking Lunges 4x10e		Bench Press 4x15		Trap Bar Deadlift 5x5		ESD Options (choose 20-30min): 1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Rower 10-20min 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim			
1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- Total-				Plank 4x100		Inverted Row 4x15		Side Plank 4x30e					
SERIES 2		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
Pullups 5 reps every :30s for 5 minutes 50 total is full score Record Reps: _____				Box Jumps 5x5		FTN OH Press 4x10		Heavy Sled Push 4x40 yards		SMFR self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas			
				Wall Ball (20lbs) 5x10		WT Chinups 4x6		WT Situps 4x15					
				Situps 5x20				MB Slams 4x20					
SERIES 3		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
				Pinch Block Farmer Carry 2x100 yards				DB Farmer Carry 3x50 yards					
										Flexibility/Mobility 15 min work from ground up targeting all general areas			
SERIES 4		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
SERIES 5		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
ESD													
Anaerobic Interval/Fast/7-10RPE/80-100%HRmax 400m x 8 Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____				Aerobic Steady/Fast/8-10RPE/85-100%HRmax 2 miles Improve Threshold Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Aerobic Run 4 miles Improve Threshold Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Aerobic Ruck 4 miles Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax 3 miles Cardio+respiratory Funct. Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Aerobic Run 3 miles Cardio+respiratory Funct. Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____			
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week 2		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:			
MOVEMENT PREP		MP 20.0	MP 26.0	MP 8.0	MP 10	MP 8.0	MP 10	WT	REP	WT	REP		
MOVEMENT		Run 1st											
SERIES 1		WT	REP										
Pushups 6 x 20:20				BB Walking Lunges 4x8e		Bench Press 4x20		Trap Bar Deadlift 5x4		ESD Options (choose 20-30min): 1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Rower 10-20min 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim			
1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- Total-				Plank 4x100		Inverted Row 4x20		Side Plank 4x30e					
SERIES 2		WT	REP			WT	REP	WT	REP	SMFR self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas			
Pullups 6 reps every :30s for 5 minutes 50 total is full score Record Reps: _____				Box Jumps 5x5		FTN OH Press 4x12		Heavy Sled Push 4x40 yards		15 Min			
				Wall Ball (20lbs) 5x10		WT Chinups 4x8		WT Situps 4x15					
				Situps 5x20				MB Slams 4x20					
SERIES 3		WT	REP			WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
				Pinch Block Farmer Carry 2x100 yards				DB Farmer Carry 3x50 yards		Flexibility/Mobility 15 min work from ground up targeting all general areas			
SERIES 4		WT	REP			WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
SERIES 5		WT	REP			WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
ESD													
Anaerobic Interval/Fast/7-10RPE/80-100%HRmax 400m x 8 1:00 rest Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Aerobic Steady/Fast/8-10RPE/85-100%HRmax 3 miles Improve Threshold Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Run Aerobic Ruck Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax 5 miles 35lbs Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Aerobic Run Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax 4 miles Cardio+respiratory Funct. Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____							
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week 3		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:			
MOVEMENT PREP		MP 20.0	MP 26.0	MP 8.0	MP 10	MP 8.0	MP 10	WT	REP	WT	REP		
MOVEMENT		Run 1st											
SERIES 1		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
Pushups 6 x 20:20				BB Walking Lunges 4x6e		Bench Press 4x25		Trap Bar Deadlift 5x3		ESD Options (choose 20-30min): 1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Rower 10-20min 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim			
1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 6- Total-				Plank 4x1:00		Inverted Row 4x25		Side Plank 4x30e					
SERIES 2		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
Pullups 7 reps every :30s for 5 minutes 50 total is full score Record Reps: _____				Box Jumps 5x5		FTN OH Press 4x15		Heavy Sled Push 4x40 yards		SMFR self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas			
				Wall Ball (20lbs) 5x10		WT Chinups 4x10		WT Situps 4x15					
				Situps 5x20				MB Slams 4x20					
SERIES 3		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
				Pinch Block Farmer Carry 2x100 yards				DB Farmer Carry 3x50 yards					
										Flexibility/Mobility 15 min work from ground up targeting all general areas			
SERIES 4		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
SERIES 5		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP		
ESD													
Anaerobic Interval/Fast/7-10RPE/80-100%HRmax 400m x 8 Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____		Aerobic Steady/Fast/8-10RPE/85-100%HRmax 4 miles Improve Threshold Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____	Run Run Improve Threshold Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____	Aerobic Ruck Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax 6 miles 45lbs Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____	Aerobic Run Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax 3 miles Cardio+respiratory Funct. Time: _____ Distance: _____ HRavg: _____								
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week 5		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		
MOVEMENT	PREP	MP 8.0	Run 1st	MP 1.0	Cardio/ Recovery Day MP 21.0	MP 16.0	MP 9.0 Run 1st	MP 10	Cardio/ Recovery Day	MP 11.0	Cardio/ Recovery Day	
MOVEMENT												
SERIES 1												
	Pushups				Front Squat 5x5				DB Walking Lunges 5x10e			
	10x12 rest as little as possible (about 30 sec)								Pullups 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10			
					Broad Jump 5x5				Pushups 5x5e			
										ESD Options (choose 20-30min): 1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Rower 10-20min 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swinn		
SERIES 2												
	Pullups				RDL 4x8				WT REP			
	50 reps goal is 5x10								GH Raise 4x8			
										Bear Crawl 3x25 yards		
										Stretches 3x25		
										Walking Lunges 3x25 yards		
										Flutter Kicks 3x25e		
SERIES 3												
	Situps				WT REP				WT REP			
	60 reps rest as little as possible				OH Plate Walk 3x100 yards >30 rest				SMFR 15 min self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas			
										Farmers Carry 3x100yrd .30 rest		
SERIES 4												
									WT REP			
SERIES 5												
									WT REP			
ESD												
	Aerobic				Aerobic				Aerobic			
	Run				Run				Ruck			
	Steady/Fast/8-10RPE/85-100%HRmx				Interval/Fast/8-10RPE/90-100%HRmx				Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/60-80%HRmx			
	2 miles				8x40m				8 miles			
	Improve Threshold				1:00 rest				45lbs			
	Time: _____				Time: _____				Cardio-respiratory Funct.			
	Distance: _____				Distance: _____				Time: _____			
	HRavg: _____				HRavg: _____				Distance: _____			
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week 7		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:	
MOVEMENT	PREP	MP 8.0	Run 1st	MP 1.0	Cardio/ Recovery Day MP 21.0	MP 16.0	MP 9.0 Run 1st	MP 10	Cardio/ Recovery Day	MP 11.0	Cardio/ Recovery Day
MOVEMENT	MOVEMENT										
SERIES 1		WT	REP			WT	REP				
	Pushups			Front Squat 5x3		Pushups 6x20		DB Walking Lunges 5x6e		Pushup/Push Ladder	
	10x18 rest as little as possible (about 30 sec)			Broad Jump 5x5		Situps 6x20		Split Jumps 5x5e		ESD Options (choose 20-30min): 1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Rower 10-20min 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim	
SERIES 2		WT	REP			WT	REP			WT	REP
	Pullups 70 reps goal is 7x10			RDL 4x8		WT Chinups 15lbs 3x max reps		GH Raise 4x8		Bear Crawl 3x25 yards	
				KB Swing 4x10		Plank 3x1:00		MB Wall Ball 4x10		Stretches 3x25	
				Heel Clap 4x12				Walking Lunge 3x25 yards			
								Leg Lower 4x12		Flutter Kicks 3x25e	
SERIES 3		WT	REP			WT	REP			WT	REP
	Situps 90 reps rest as little as possible			OH Plate Walk 3x100 yards >30 rest		SMFR 15 min self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas		Farmer Carry 3x100yrd .30 rest		Flexibility/Mobility 15 min work from ground up targeting all general areas	
SERIES 4		WT	REP			WT	REP			WT	REP
						WT	REP			WT	REP
SERIES 5		WT	REP			WT	REP			WT	REP
ESD											
	Aerobic	Run		Aerobic	Run	Aerobic	Ruck	Aerobic	Run	Aerobic	Run
	Steady/Fast 8-10RPE/85-100%HRmax			Interval/Fast 9-10RPE/90-100%HRmax		Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/60-80%HRmax		Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax		Steady/Mod/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax	
	4 miles	Improve Threshold		4x1mi	2:00 rest	Speed	6 miles	35lbs	6 miles	Cardio+respiratory Funct.	
	Time: _____			Time: _____		Time: _____		Time: _____		Time: _____	
	Distance: _____			Distance: _____		Distance: _____		Distance: _____		Distance: _____	
	HRavg: _____			HRavg: _____		HRavg: _____		HRavg: _____		HRavg: _____	
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week 8		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:		DATE:	
MOVEMENT	PREP	MP 8.0	Run 1st	Recovery Day	Any MP	APFT Day/Diagnostic	MP 21.0	Recovery Day	Any MP	MP 9.0	Cardio/ Recovery Day
MOVEMENT											
SERIES 1		WT	REP	ESD Options (choose 20-30min):		ESD Options (choose 20-30min):		WT	REP	WT	REP
	Front Squat 2x5, 2x3, 2x1 to max or heavy single			1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Pullups max reps 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim		3. 2 mile test see ESD Below 4. Pullups max reps 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim		1. Bike 10-20min 2. Run 15-30min 3. Jacob's Ladder 5-10min 4. Rower 10-20min 5. TM Incline Walk 15-30 min 6. Cybex Arc 15-30 min 7. Swim		WT	REP
SERIES 2		WT	REP	SMFR	15 Min	SMFR	15 Min	WT	REP	WT	REP
	25 lb Pullups (strict form) 1 x max reps			self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas		self myo-fascial release work from ground up targeting all general areas					
SERIES 3		WT	REP	Flexibility/Mobility		WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP
	Heel Claps 1 x max reps			.15 min work from ground up targeting all general areas		.15 min work from ground up targeting all general areas					
SERIES 4		WT	REP			WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP
SERIES 5		WT	REP			WT	REP	WT	REP	WT	REP
ESD				Aerobic Steady/Slow 2RPE/55-60%HRmax		Aerobic Steady/Med/5-6RPE/70-80%HRmax					
				3 miles Recovery		5-mile Run Test					
				Time: _____		Time: _____					
				Distance: _____		Distance: _____					
				HRavg: _____		HRavg: _____					
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