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F3 Mobile's Monthly Newsletter



Looking to grow our Region

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The biggest challenge our region faces is growth! We have fluctuated over time, but lately we have remained a small region. We have talked about not just growing to grow, but a matter of quality over quantity. However, it would also be nice to have a bigger circle. Something we're going to try is an Open House Week. We'll blast some info out, and then strategically choose some places around Mobile for some "sample" workouts. This idea has worked in other regions, so it's worth trying. I think there are lots of men in Mobile that need F3, they just don't know about us yet. So, stay tuned, we're coming to a park near you!



F3 is a national network of free, peer-led workouts for men. The mission of F3 is to plant, grow, and serve small workout groups for the invigoration of male community leadership.



1st F= FITNESS

The MAGNET of F3

WORKOUT SCHEDULE

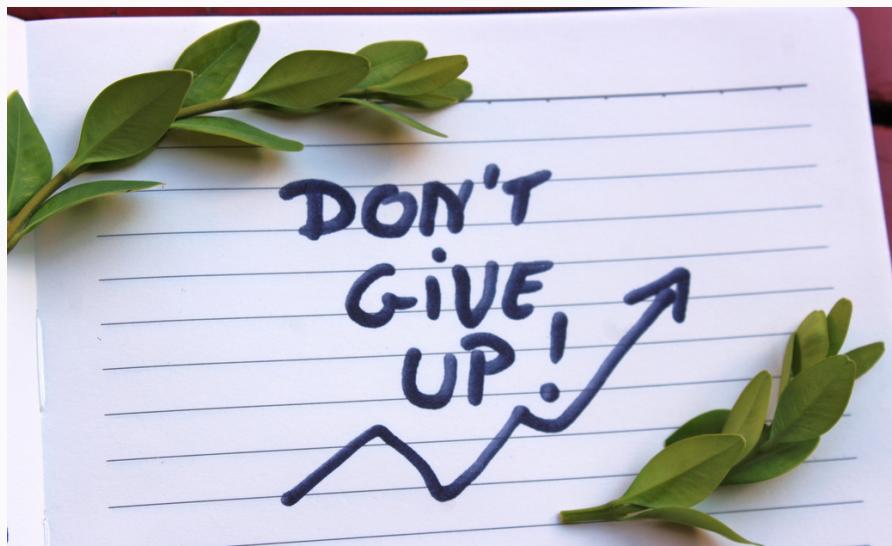
TUESDAY 4:30AM MARDI GRAS PARK BOOTCAMP 45 MIN.

THURSDAY 4:30AM MARDI GRAS PARK RUCK 45 MIN.

SATURDAY 7AM MEDAL OF HONOR PARK BOOTCAMP 1HR

SUNDAY 7AM USA MOULTON BELL TOWER

RUCK/BOOTCAMP 45MIN (Check Social Media for this workout. It may not happen every Sunday.)



Sometimes it gets tough, but you have to push through! Lean on your brothers in the Gloom, and don't give up!

KNOW THE EXICON

- Al Gore: Pretend to hug a tree from the squat position. Hold until the Q says to stop. Sometimes used to wait for all PAX to complete another exercise instead of planking.
- Balls to the Wall: Standing upside down on your hands with your feet above your head facing any type of structure that will support your body. As close to the wall as you can as the name implies.



Stop making Top 5 Excuses excuses!

TOPS 5 EXCUSES GUYS MAKE

WE'VE BEEN AT THIS F3 THING FOR A WHILE NOW, SO WE'VE HEARD PRETTY MUCH EVERY EXCUSE FOR WHY A GUY CAN'T POST TO A FREE WORKOUT WITH OTHER GUYS AT A TIME OF DAY WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD IS STILL IN THE FARTSACK. AND IN AN F3 WORLD WHERE GUYS IN STATESVILLE, N.C., COME OFF OF OVERNIGHT SHIFTS AND ROLL STRAIGHT INTO AN 0530 WORKOUT, THERE REALLY ARE NO GOOD EH EXCUSES.

BUT WE KNOW THAT YOU, THE EHRS OF F3 NATION, NEED READY ANSWERS FOR WEAK, LAME, OVERUSED EH EXCUSES. SO CONSIDER THIS POST A LITTLE AMMO. HERE, OUR CHOICES FOR THE TOP FIVE EH EXCUSES.

NO. 1: "I NEED TO GET IN SHAPE TO COME WORK OUT WITH YOU GUYS."

THIS IS NO. 1 WITH A BULLET ON THE F3 EXCUSE CHARTS. THE LATE CASEY KASEM SAYS SO. AND FOR A LOT OF GUYS IT GIVES THEM ALL THE WIGGLE ROOM THEY NEED TO TAKE THEMSELVES OFF THE HOOK. BECAUSE LET'S BE HONEST: THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN THAT IS GOING TO GET YOU READY FOR THAT FIRST WORKOUT. ALMOST NO ONE WORKING OUT IN A GYM OR ON THE STREETS (LET ALONE COMING OFF THE COUCH) COMBINES THE KIND OF AEROBIC AND BODYWEIGHT FITNESS THAT F3 WORKOUTS DEMAND. SO YOU NEED TO MAKE THE CHOICE TO JOIN WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER MEN AND PUSH THROUGH THAT PAIN. BECAUSE "I NEED TO GET IN SHAPE" IS REALLY JUST A WAY OF KEEPING THE COMMITMENT JUST OVER THE HORIZON, ALWAYS JUST OUT OF REACH. THE ONLY WAY TO GET IN SHAPE IS TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A GROUP OF OTHER MEN AND FORCE YOURSELF TO KEEP UP WITH THE PACK.

DREDD: WOULD YOU GET DRUNK BEFORE YOU WENT TO A BAR? I REST MY CASE. (DREDD'S A LAWYER).

NO. 2: "I ALREADY BELONG TO A GYM."

HEY, THAT'S GREAT. I BET IT REALLY ROCKETS YOU OUT OF BED EVERY MORNING TO THINK ABOUT ANOTHER EXCITING DAY ON THE TREADMILL, HEADPHONES PLUGGED IN SO YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE SPORTSCENTER ANCHORS RUN THROUGH YET ANOTHER RENDITION OF "HOT OR COLD" BROUGHT TO YOU BY MILLER LITE WHILE THE PLASTIC FICUS NEXT TO YOU WAVES GENTLY IN THE 68-DEGREE CLIMATE-CONTROLLED SPLENDOR. MEANWHILE, ELSEWHERE IN YOUR HOME CITY, MEN ARE GATHERING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL IN TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 9 TO 90 DEGREES AND CONDITIONS RANGING FROM STARLIT TO MONSOONISH TO SWELTERING TO GIVE IT THEIR ALL FOR AN HOUR AND LAUNCH INTO THE DAY WITH POWER AND IMPACT. TRUST US, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

DREDD: GYMS HAVE RULES. THE RULES ARE USUALLY DUMB. THEY PUT SIGNS LISTING THE DUMB RULES ALL OVER THE WALL. THERE AREN'T ANY WALLS OUTSIDE, SO THERE IS NO PLACE TO POST THE RULES. THUS, NO DUMB RULES.

NO. 3: "THAT'S TOO EARLY TO GET UP TO WORK OUT. I'M REALLY NOT A MORNING WORKOUT GUY."

OH, YEAH... I KNOW YOU. YOU'RE THE LUNCH HOUR WORKOUT GUY UNTIL THAT 11 A.M. CONFERENCE CALL RUNS LONG AND YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORK OUT AND GET BACK FOR THE 1:30 MEETING, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO RUN OVER TO CHICK-FIL-A TO GRAB SOME FAST FOOD THAT I CAN PRETEND ISN'T FAST FOOD, BUT YOU'LL DEFINITELY GET OUT IN TIME TO HIT THE Y BEFORE YOU GO HOME EXCEPT YOUR WIFE CALLS AND SHE NEEDS YOU TO GO PICK UP YOUR 2.0 FROM BASKETBALL PRACTICE SO SHE CAN GET THE 2.1 FROM VIOLIN LESSONS AND STILL GET HOME IN TIME TO PUT DINNER ON THE TABLE AND MEET HER FRIENDS FOR GIRLS' NIGHT OUT AT 7:30 AND, WELL... NOW YOU'RE TOMORROW WORKOUT GUY, AREN'T YOU?

DREDD: THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF WORKOUT GUYS, THE EARLY MORNING WORKOUT GUY AND THE GUY WHO BLOWS OFF MOST OF HIS WORKOUTS. WHICH ARE YOU?

NO. 4: "I'M ALREADY WORKING WITH A PERSONAL TRAINER."

YEAH, I CAN TELL. REALLY GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH THERE, AREN'T YOU? AND YOU'RE PAYING THIS GUY OR GIRL HOW MUCH TO COUNT YOUR REPS AND HOLD A CLIPBOARD? DID I MENTION THE FOURTH F THAT COMES AFTER FITNESS, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAITH? IT'S CALLED: FREE.

DREDD: NOT EVERY DAY? SURELY, NOT EVERY DAY. C'MON, YOU CAN MAKE ONE DAY A WEEK THE DAY YOU LET SOMEBODY GIVE YOU FOR FREE THE THING YOU'VE BEEN PAYING FOR. SERIOUSLY.

NO. 5: "THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOME SORT OF CULT."

BACK WHEN OUR FATHER'S FATHERS RAN THE WORLD, A BUNCH OF MEN GATHERING AT ODD HOURS TO ENGAGE IN COMMON EFFORT FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE LARGER IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD AROUND THEM AND THE RAISING UP OF MEN TO BE LEADERS WAS SIMPLY PLAIN VANILLA, OLD-FASHIONED CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND IT WAS WHAT GROWN-ASS MEN DID. IF SOCIETY HAS MOVED SO FAR TOWARD ATOMIZATION AND SELF-ABSORPTION THAT FREE ASSEMBLY AND GROUP PRIDE QUALIFIES AS CULTISH BEHAVIOR, THEN SO BE IT, BUT WE WILL BE THE ONES, IN THE WORDS OF THE LATE WILLIAM BUCKLEY, STANDING "ATHWART HISTORY, YELLING STOP."

DREDD: UHHHH, ACTUALLY IT IS KIND OF A CULT, BUT I'M THINKING IT'S THE GOOD KIND OF CULT LIKE THE BLUE OYSTER CULT. NOT THE KIND OF CULT WHERE YOU END UP WITH TIN FOIL ON YOUR HEAD OR CASTRATING YOURSELF TO GET A RIDE ON THE HALE BOPP COMET OR DRINKING HOT-ADE IN FRENCH GUYANA.

OB/T/DREDD

KNOW THE LEXICON

- 3Vite: An invitation to The Nation from a Region or Nomad to post to a workout
- Sad Clown Syndrome: A state of chronic Sad Clown-ism.
- Sad Clown: A man with decelerating Fitness Fellowship, and/or Faith
- Adversity: A challenge to acceleration created by obstacles.





2nd F= FELLOWSHIP

The GLUE of F3

The 1st F is what draws the men in to check out F3, but the 2nd F, or the fellowship, is what keeps them coming back. Sometimes it's just the guys, but we'll also try and make sure we include family activities as well.



These 3 were down range for a CSAUP event in the F3 Pensacola area. The Terrain Race was a challenging and eye-opening event that let us know that we need to up our game on training for events like this. Just another example of what F3 men do. Travel out of town for tough events, get wet, a little muddy, and worn out, but smile for pictures at the end!

KNOW THE LEXICON

- Completely Stupid and Utterly Pointless: Difficult, dirty, and dangerous events that build trust between team members. Abbr. CSAUP
- Down Range: Out of town and unavailable to participate in a workout or other event





3rd F= FAITH

The DYNAMITE of F3

Faith is different than religion. Faith is a man's right relationship with his creator. A man cannot Live, Lead, or Leave Right unless he is accelerating this relationship along with his Fitness and Fellowship. Without a belief in a power outside of himself a man will have no choice but to view himself as the king of the world. A man who believes that lie cannot be a virtuous leader because he will be incapable of seeing himself first as a servant.



3rd F events are events that get the PAX out and help their community. We would like for these type of events to be one of our main focuses this year. If you know of a need in the community that we can get involved with, please reach out and we'll see how we can help. We can be reached on social media, or you can email Buckner. bucknerf3mobile@gmail.com

KNOW THE LEXICON

- F3 Mission: To Plant, Serve, and Grow men's small workout groups in order to reinvigorate Male Community Leadership.
- Faith: A man's right relationship with his Creator
- Fellowship: A man's right relationship with those in proximity.
- Fitness: A man's right relationship with himself





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