This training plan is intended for those who have cross country, and who do not train regularly. This is not an absolute training plan and can be adapted to your schedule. However, those who stick to the plan will be prepared for the fall training program and will preform better at meets. To be successful in the fall, you should be able to run $\mathbf{5}$ miles continous when school starts. Find running partners, whether on the team or not.

| 50-75\% |  |  |  | 75\% |  | 75\%-Fast Uncomfortable |  |
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| Week | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
| 1 | Rest | 3 mi run | Sprint $1 \mathrm{~min} /$ run $50 \%$ speed 1 min ( 10 min total) | 3 mi run | Rest | 3 mi run | 5 mi run |
| 2 | Rest | 3 mi run | 30 min tempo | 3 mi run | Rest | 3 mi fast | 5 mi run |
| 3 | Rest | 3 mi run | Sprint $1 \mathrm{~min} / \mathrm{run} 75 \%$ speed 1 min ( 15 min total) | 3 mi run | Rest | 4 mi run | 6 mi run |
| 4 | Rest | 3 mi run | 35 min tempo | 3 mi run | Rest | Rest | 5K Test |
| 5 | Rest | 3 mi run | 75\% $3 \mathrm{~min} / 50 \% 1 \mathrm{~min}$ ( 20 min total) | 3 mi run | Rest | 4 mi fast | 6 mi run |
| 6 | Rest | 3 mi run | 40 min tempo | 3 mi run | Rest | 5 mi run | 7 mi run |
| 7 | Rest | 3 mi run | 75\% $5 \mathrm{~min} / 50 \% 1 \mathrm{~min}$ ( 25 min total) | 3 mi run | Rest | 5 mi fast | 7 mi run |
| 8 | Rest | 3 mi run | 30 min tempo | 2 mi run | Rest | Rest | 5K Race ready |

Time instead of miles at $\mathbf{7 5 \%}$

| 2 mi | 20 min |
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| 3 mi | 25 min |
| 4 mi | 30 min |
| 5 mi | 35 min |
| 6 mi | 40 min |
| 7 mi | 40 min |

Tempo Runs: This is a continuous run with an easy beginning, a buildup in the middle to near 10 K race pace ( $80-85 \%$ speed), then ease back and cruise to the finish. A typical tempo run would begin with 5-10 minutes easy running, continue with 10-15 faster running, and finish with 5-10 minutes cooling down. You can't figure out your pace on a watch doing this workout; you need to listen to your body. Tempo runs are very useful for developing your anaerobic threshold, essential for fast 5 K racing.

Fast: 80\% effort
Uncomfortable: is a pace that pushes you. You should have trouble talking while running but not be out of breath. $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ : What would be a 'warm-up' pace. Nice and easy. Faster than a brisk walk.
75\%: Running but comfortable. Able to still talk while running with ease.
Sprint: is $100 \%$ effort. You should not be able to talk. You should almost be out of breath

## 5K Test= Run/time a 5 k at $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ effort <br> 5K Race Ready= Ready to start fall training/ready for try-outs

