

MAXIMIZING RESULTS THROUGH SUPERIOR NUTRITION

ELIEVE IT OR NOT, for most people diet is at least *twice* as important as exercise when it comes to looking and feeling your best. **The FIRM 90 Day Rotation** is a perfect occasion for examining and improving your eating habits. An optimal diet must include all of the 44 essential nutrients every day. The average diet only contains about 23 nutrients. Degenerative disease (cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes) kills two-thirds of our population. It begins in the absence of essential nutrients. The ONLY way to understand what you eat every day is to keep a Food Diary. Good nutrition doesn't have to be complex, but eating well takes knowledge and planning. Use these rules to master basic nutritional guidelines. Never leave home without a "portable survival kit" based on these guidelines.

- Eat five small meals a day. Each should be about 350 400 calories.
- In each meal, include some form of animal protein. Multiply your lean body weight by 0.6 or 0.8 to get the total number of protein grams you need each day. Also include a minimum of two or three servings of fresh fruits or vegetables. This plan automatically puts you close to the ideal calorie ratio of about 25% protein, 20% fat & 55% carbohydrate.
- Because heat destroys nutrients, eat as many raw foods, in their natural state, as possible. Choose vegetables and fruits with bright, rich, deep colors. Deep, rich colors indicate vitamin and mineral rich foods. Carrots, beets and kale are good examples. Fresh, raw vegetable & fruit juices are exceptionally restorative. Because air and light destroy nutrients, juice must be consumed immediately after juicing.
- GOOD fats are essential, healing, and appear to help *prevent* cancer and heart disease. Unfortunately, not enough are included in the average diet. The wrong kinds of fats are plentiful, easy to consume and cause numerous diseases. From 3 to 6% of your daily calories should be *essential* fatty acids, because they perform vital hormone-like functions and are essential to life! They also speed the conversion of lactic acid to water and carbon dioxide, which is especially important to athletes. Fresh ground flaxseed is the best source. It requires a small appliance for daily grinding. Because the beneficial properties of oils are destroyed by light, heat, and air, seek out the remaining 14 to 17% of fat calories from cold-pressed oils, and nuts or seeds in the fresh, raw state. Use almonds, pecans, avocados, butter and virgin olive oil. Don't allow oils to smoke during cooking. Avoid chemically altered hydrogenated (solid at room temperature) shortenings, palm oil, coconut oil and margarine.
- The U.S. Recommended Daily Allowances are not optimal, particularly for athletes seeking the best hearth. Consider supplements to meet daily requirements for 21 minerals, 13 vitamins, 9 amino acids and 2 essential fatty acids. Take calcium supplements if you do not eat dairy products. Maintain the health of your colon with fiber-rich fruits, vegetables and grains and include the friendly bacteria of yogurt or buttermilk.
- If weight loss is a goal, increase activity first. If you must, subtract no more than 200 calories per day; and only in low-nutrient food choices, such as sweets, refined carbohydrates, fats and alcohol.

 Additional diet information is contained in FIRM for Life, by Anna & Cynthia Benson, 1998.

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VIDEO ROTATION ICONS

AEROBIC WEIGHT TRAINING

These workouts consist of aerobic intervals and weight training with equal emphasis on each. They include intense body sculpting exercises that work at least two muscle groups at the same time.

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Classic 50%Aerobic 50%Weight



Slow & Heavy 75%Weight 25%Aerobic

These workouts include aerobic intervals and weight training with primary emphasis on total-body muscle sculpting.



Fast & Light 75%Aerobic 25%Weight

These workouts include aerobic intervals and weight training, with primary emphasis on aerobic intervals.

The Hare..... FIRM Cardio Fat Blaster

The Tortoise.

FIRM Strength..... Better Body & Buns.....

Maximum Body Sculpting. .

..... Heidi Tanner Lisa Kay, Allie Strickland, Nancy Tucker

...... Taber Bruner, Jen Carman, Jen Peluso

..... Tracie Long

WEIGHTS



Total Body

These workouts are designed for total muscle sculpting. For serious results, increase amount of weight as your form improves.

Bust & Butt Dale Brabham, Tamela Hastie, Carissa Foster Tough Tape......Tracie Long

Upper Body Sandahl Bergman, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet Standing Legs Sandahl Bergman, LaReine Chabut, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet



CARDIO

Split

These cardio workouts are designed to build endurance and burn fat.

Core Cardio I Dale Brabham, Carissa Foster, Tamela Hastie Core Cardio II Dale Brabham, Carissa Foster, Tamela Hastie,

Tough Cardio Mix Pam Cauthen, Lisa Kay, Allie Strickland, Heidi Tanner, Nancy Tucker Tough Aerobic Mix Sandahl Bergman, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet, Kai Soremekun, Not-So-Tough Aerobic Mix Sandahl Bergman, LaReine Chabut, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet, Kai Soremekun



VORKOUT

Complete abdominal workouts for upper abs, lower abs, and obliques. These workouts include pelvic diaphragm contractions.

5-Day Abs. Sandahl Bergman, LaReine Chabut, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet More 5-Day Abs Pam Cauthen, Lisa Kay, Allie Strickland, Heidi Tanner, Nancy Tucker



Entire body, stress-reducing stretch routines lengthen muscles and increase flexibility. Stretching is the most neglected component of fitness.

5-Day Stretch. Sandahl Bergman, LaReine Chabut, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet



Highly specific floor exercises which target inner thighs, outer thighs, hamstrings and glutes. They also include pelvic diaphragm contractions.

Lower Body Sculpting Sandahl Bergman, LaReine Chabut, Susan Harris, Janet Jones, Jayne Poteet Sculpted Buns, Hips and Thighs . . Tracie Long



AUDIO

These audio workouts are ideal for traveling or for workout variety.

They provide a complete workout and can be used with or without weights.

FIRM Easy PowerWalk Susan Harris Susan Harris FIRM Hard PowerWalk FIRM Universal Cardio Trainer ...

RECOMMENDATIONS for The FIRM 90 Day Rotation

• FIRM walking audio workouts can be substituted for any cardio workouts.

• Use light weights for each aerobic weight training/aerobic workout.

• Workout frequency is 6 days per week during **The FIRM 90 Day Rotation**. Rest one day per week with the exception of weeks three, seven and eleven, which have two rest days to prevent overtraining.

SLUGGISH METABOLISM?

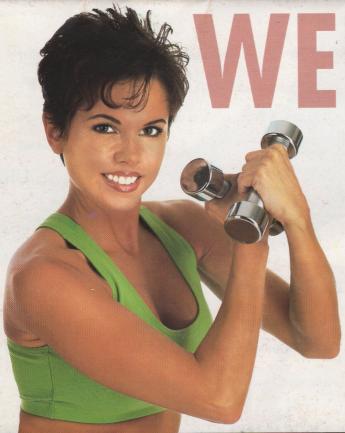
The **ONLY** way to significantly boost your metabolism (and burn more calories 24 hours a day) is to replace the muscle tissue that aging takes away. Muscle is a dynamic tissue. Each pound of muscle consumes 35 calories a day – just to stay alive. By adding and maintaining just **three pounds of muscle**, your body burns as many extra calories as **running one mile a day!**

"My entire body has changed! My arms are shapely, no more hanging flab! I have ripped abs! My legs and calves are awesome and my buttocks are almost rock solid! My husband says he never dreamed I could look this way! We've been married 11 years. I have maintained this shape for 2 1/2 years, now. It seems as if we just got married again, because of our new bodies and attitudes."

-Sales Manager, Plymouth, PA, Age 28

"The use of weights combined with aerobics was really an innovation of the FIRM. Now, several years later, other videos are using this technique. None, however, with the quality and efficiency of the FIRM videos. FIRM videos are undoubtedly the best produced videos on the market. They maintain my enthusiasm and interest even after repeated uses. Not so for most other videos which pale in comparison to the FIRM. I'll remain a faithful FIRM believer."

-Naval Officer, Laurel, MD, Age 47



TRAINING LEVEL:

Intermediate

FITNESS GOALS:

Measure chest, waist, hips and thighs. Write down specific changes you want to see.

WEEKLY WORKOUT DURATION:

Approximately 5 hours per week.

WORKOUT PLAN FOR THE MONTH:

Build a foundation through Aerobic Weight Training. Introduce second short workout sessions for Abs. Begin segregated weight and cardio training. Introduce Floor Hip Thigh.

DAILY NUTRITIONAL GOALS:

Eliminate all refined, packaged sweets and desserts. Add 1T freshly ground flaxseed & at least one raw fruit or vegetable at each meal.

PROGRAM ANALYSIS:

3 Classic, 5 Slow & Heavy, 4 Fast & Light

4 Total-Body Weights

6 Cardio, 14 Ab Workouts

MONDAY



Bust & Butt



5-Day Abs

TUESDAY



Core Cardio I



More 5-Day Abs

WEDNESDAY

4,6,6,6,6,6

Time Crunch Workout Let me put it this way: Last year my house burned down. Besides the kids, husband and five animals, I grabbed all my FIRM tapes and boxes. They made great end tables in the trailer!

Dix Hills, NY, Age 32

THURSDAY



Tough Tape



5-Day Abs

FRIDAY



Core Cardio II



More 5-Day Abs

-Stephanie Corley, Age 26 English Teacher

3 years as a FIRM instructor

SAT OR SUN



Low Impact Aerobics

-Marissa Boccone, Age 25 Administrative Assistant 1.5 years as a FIRM instructor



San Antonio, TX

MONDAY



Firm Strength

TUESDAY



Firm Cardio

WEDNESDAY



Tough Cardio Mix



More 5-Day Abs

THURSDAY



Lower Body Sculpting



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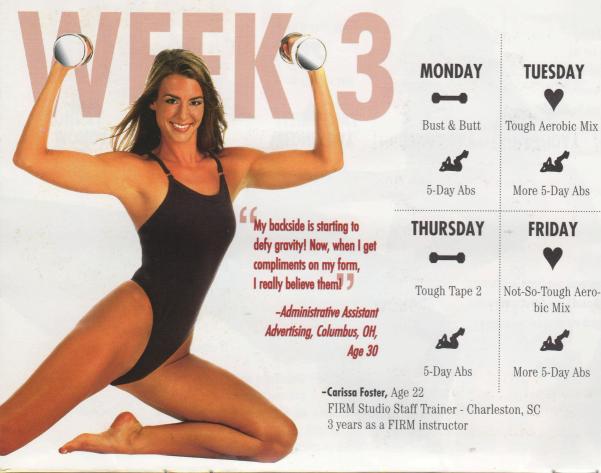


The Tortoise

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The Hare



WEDNESDAY

REST

SAT OR SUN



Time Crunch Workout

started 2 years ago with other tapes. Then I quit all those when I discovered the FIRM. The other videos were very, very boring; and the lack of results made me want my money back! I would pay a million dollars for my FIRM tapes because they are worth it!

-Housewife, Age 37





Maximum Body Sculpting



5-Day Abs

-Jennifer Carman, Age 26

personal trainer.

FIRM Studio Manager-Columbia, SC.

3 years as a FIRM instructor,

TUESDAY



Fat Blaster



More 5-Day Abs

WEDNESDAY



Firm Strength

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Better Body & Buns



5-Day Abs

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Tough Cardio Mix



More 5-Day Abs

AEROBIC WEIGHT TRAINING

Because only weights rebuild the muscle (and strength) that aging takes away, Aerobic Weight Training (AWT) results are clearly superior to cardio results: Research shows that combining weights and aerobics causes **three times the fat loss** of aerobics alone! And the youthful "muscle definition" that *only weights can give* makes this increased fat loss doubly dramatic. To maximize the aerobic benefit of weight training, FIRM workouts often use PHA (Peripheral Heart Action) sequencing: Alternating upper- and lower-body weight exercises, for example, strengthens the heart by repeatedly making it pump blood back and forth between distant muscle groups.

"Because predominantly I do FIRM videos and love the results, doing purely aerobic tapes is not in my regular rotation schedule. However, on occasion, I'll throw in an advanced step tape for variety. EVERY time I've done other tapes, I've been very happily surprised that my endurance is better and my heart rate is lower. It's great to know that, for me, The FIRM is great for my cardio health as well as my muscular development!"

-Former Step Aerobics Instructor/Full Time Mom, Bellefontaine, OH, Age 40

"After three months of only FIRM videos, I tried all-step tapes for the first time. I made it all the way through (6" step mind you) without stopping. I weigh 219 pounds. The FIRM has definitely improved my cardiovascular endurance. Before the FIRM I couldn't make it through without stopping."

-UPS Delivery Person, Los Angeles, CA, Age 35

"I injured my cervical disc in Jan 89. After surgery in Oct 89, I was so weak, I had to rest while writing a check. I worked at an OB/GYN clinic and couldn't hold the newborn babies without fear of dropping them. When I began using FIRM videos, the warm-up was all I could do! Thanks to you, I was able to sustain a 3 minute continuous squat while waiting my turn to skydive from an airplane! THANKS!"

-Administrative Assistant, Cincinatti, OH, Age 34

TRAINING LEVEL:

Advanced/Intermediate

FITNESS GOALS:

Measure chest, waist, hips and thighs at the beginning of the month. Record changes and use improvements to increase motivation for the second month.

WEEKLY WORKOUT DURATION:

Approximately 6 hours per week.

WORKOUT PLAN FOR THE MONTH:

Maintain second short workout sessions for Abs. Maintain foundation of Aerobic Weight Training & Total-Body Weights. Increase Split Weights & Ab sessions. Add Floor Hip Thigh training. Continue to increase Cardio sessions.

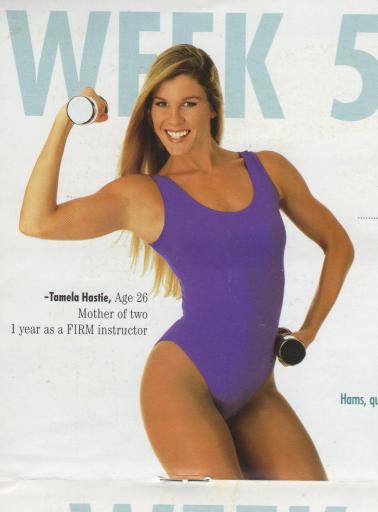
DAILY NUTRITIONAL GOALS:

Eliminate soft drinks, packaged juices & artificial sweeteners. Add two raw fruits or vegetables at each meal, & at least eight glasses of water each day.

PROGRAM ANALYSIS:

4 Classic, 3 Slow & Heavy, 3 Fast & Light 2 Total-Body Weights, 3 Split Weights 5 Floor Hip Thigh, 8 Cardio, 20 Ab Workouts





Upper Body



Sculpted Buns, Hips & Thighs

5-Day Abs

TUESDAY



Tough Cardio Mix

Body Sculpting Basics

WEDNESDAY

More 5-Day Abs

SAT OR SUN



Core Cardio I



THURSDAY FRIDAY

Tough Aerobic Mix

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5-Day Abs

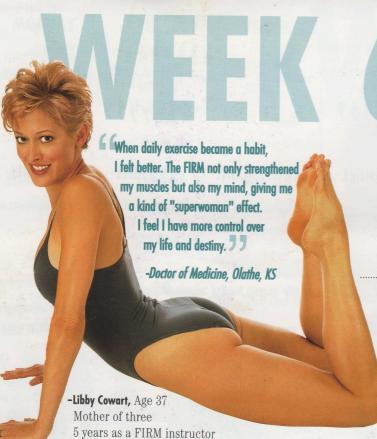
Better Body & Buns

More 5-Day Abs

5-Day Abs

My fanny does not keep sitting (or spreading) after I have! Hams, quads, and glutes are definitely tighter! I don't have that spread that goes with having birthed 2 children.

-Homemaker, Valley Springs, CA, Age 30



MONDAY

Bust & Butt



More 5-Day Abs

TUESDAY



Fat Blaster



5-Day Abs

Not-So-Tough

WEDNESDAY



Lower Body Sculpting



More 5-Day Abs

THURSDAY



Firm Cardio



5-Day Abs

FRIDAY



Tough Tape 2



More 5-Day Abs

SAT OR SUN



Core Cardio II



5-Day Abs



-Allie Strickland, Age 28, Cosmetologist, 7 years as a FIRM instructor

MONDAY

Upper Body



Sculpted Buns, Hips & Thighs



5-Day Abs

TUESDAY

Abs, Hip and Thigh Workout

WEDNESDAY

REST

THURSDAY



Low Impact Aerobics

FRIDAY

Standing Legs



More 5-Day Abs

SAT OR SUN



Not-So-Tough Aerobic Mix



Lower Body Sculpting



5-Day Abs

MONDAY



Better Body & Buns



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Core Cardio I



Sculpted Buns, Hips & Thighs



5-Day Abs



Maximum Body Sculpting



More 5-Day Abs

SAT OR SUN



Tough Aerobic Mix



5-Day Abs

The FIRM is definitely more effective than other methods. After one year of step-aerobics, my body fat percentage was 26%. After one year of The FIRM, 19%. Need I say more? "

> -Network Administrator/CNE N. White Plains, NY, Age 32

-Paige Lane, Age 23 Real Estate 5 years as a

FIRM member

If diets worked, we wouldn't need so many of them. Rapid dieting backfires. Here's why: when you lose ten pounds through rapid dieting, up to 30% or three of those lost pounds were muscle! Your diet has aged your muscular system by six years! (After age 35, you lose muscle at the rate of 1/2 pound per year- unless you lift weights.) Two pounds per week is the maximum rate of safe, permanent weight loss.

"Because of the quick results, aerobic weight training is easy to get hooked on. I used to do aerobics without the weights and never got the results I wanted. Also, it takes less dieting to get these results, so its' healthier too."

-Homemaker, Ann Arbor, MI, Age 38

"You seem to have hit upon a routine that combines everything a person needs in one workout. It's amazing. Other methods seem to take months before results can be seen. Then, I'm ready to give up because it seems it's not working. The only effective workout is one that you will do and stick with. The FIRM has given me that."

-Contracts Specialist, Knox, TN, Age 29

POSTPONE AGING

Fitness makes you look and feel great at your current age, but new USDA research from Tufts University shows that fitness can postpone the disability of old age for 20 years – adding two extra decades of productive independence to your life! You need three things: (1) good nutrition, (2) aerobic exercise, and (3) the most important-weight training! In a dramatic shift of emphasis, researchers discovered that while aerobic exercise is still important, weight training is the most important form of exercise as we grow older!

"I was not seeing results from aerobics and was getting really discouraged. I figured that I was going to be in "double digit" sizes from now on. When I started using the FIRM. I saw great results, Now, I'm back to a 6 or 8, and am convinced I look better at 30 than I did at 20! Thanks!" -Advertising, Columbus, OH, Age 30

TRAINING LEVEL: Advanced

FITNESS GOALS:

Measure chest, waist, hips and thighs at the beginning of the month. Record further changes. Use these improvements to increase motivation for the final month. Review your food diary, and don't cheat.

WEEKLY WORKOUT DURATION: Approximately 7 hours per week.

WORKOUT PLAN FOR THE MONTH:

Maintain second short workout sessions. Maintain foundation of Aerobic Weight Training & Total-Body Weights. Increase Split Weights. Decrease Floor Hip Thigh & Ab workouts. Continue to increase Cardio sessions.

DAILY NUTRITIONAL GOALS:

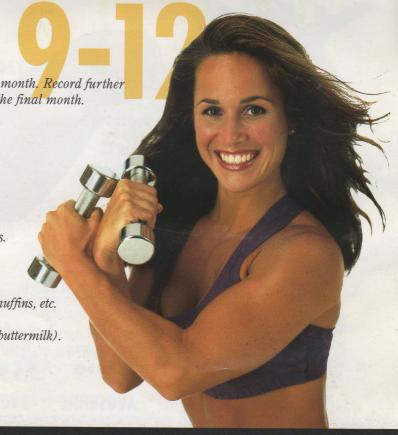
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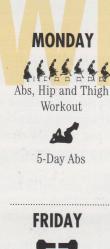
PROGRAM ANALYSIS:

6 Classic, 3 Slow & Heavy, 2 Fast & Light

3 Total-Body Weights, 6 Split Weights

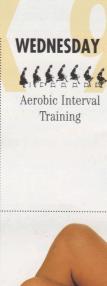
2 Floor Hip Thigh, 11 Cardio, 15 Ab Workouts





More 5-Day Abs



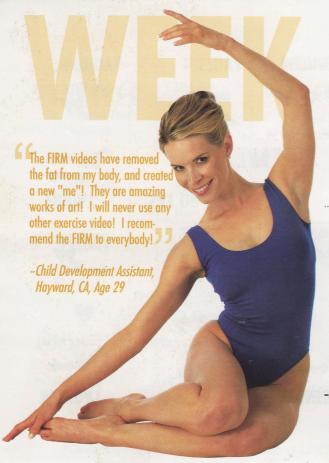






-Christa Suggs, Age 27, Public Health, 5 years as a FIRM instructor









Tough Aerobic Mix



Better Body & Buns



5-Day Abs

THURSDAY

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Standing Legs

Core Cardio I

5-Day Abs

TUESDAY



Upper Body



Tough Cardio Mix



More 5-Day Abs

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Core Cardio II



More 5-Day Abs

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WEDNESDAY

REST

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Complete Aerobic Weight Training

-Jen Peluso, Age 30 Pilates Trainer/Yoga Instructor 8 years as a FIRM instructor

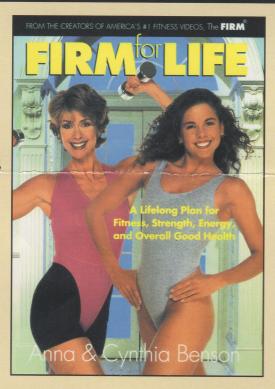


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| When I exercised to other videos, they fatigued me and nothing on my body changed. I got fed up one day, rented FIRM Volume III at Blockbuster, then 800 number and placed my order with you. Working out to the FIRM, I remain motivated and energetic. I have been chubby my entire life. But now, shapliest I (or anyone else in my Italian family!) have ever been! You're the greatest! I owe it all to the FIRM! | I am the |
| Cina Dovolopinoni Assistani, naywai | u, ch, Age 27 |
| I don't do many sports, but I notice I have energy that other women my age don't. People are always commenting on my youthfulness. The FIRM h stress level enormously. ">>> | elps my |
| -Psychotherapist, Truloc | k, CA, Age 40 |
| Yes, the FIRM was the first place that I'd heard of aerobic weight training. While other institutions were still back in the stone ages doing just plain of I was finding out the added benefits of using weights, thanks to the FIRM. I'd never seen pelvic floor exercises anywhere else. The FIRM always see the cutting edge and always chooses methods that don't die. | ierobics, ems to be at |
| -Technical Writer, East Meadov | , NY, Age 24 |
| The FIRM is more effective than anything I've ever tried or seen. It seems ironic to me that only now, after the FIRM has been using weights for over of videos, that the big video stars are just starting to recommend them in their videos. | r 10 years |
| -Retail Manager, Austi | n, TX, Age 29 |
| Your superior production including the music, lighting, set, instruction, instructors, enthusiasm, etc., convert exercise from torture to a near religiou -Attorney, Wo | |
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Top Row: (L to R) Dale Brabham, Stephanie Corley, Mary Peck, Nancy Tucker 2nd Row: (L to R) Carissa Foster, Summer Sparkman, Janet Brooks, Sue Mi Powell 3rd Row: (L to R) Tamela Hastie, Jen Carman, Robyn Johnson, Allie Strickland Front Row: (L to R) Jen Peluso, Libby Cowart, Bonnie Geer, Paige Lane Cover: Bonnie Geer, Age 29, Sales, Mother of one, 2 years as a FIRM instructor

Workout Rotation Design: Anna L. Benson