Stretch	Image	Cue Words
Neck Erin Kommerstad		* Pull head towards shoulder while looking straight ahead * Repeat for opposite direction and in front (pull chin towards chest)
Lateral Deltoid (Side of shoulder) Bob Vaughn III		* Keep elbow straight on arm being stretched * Pull arm towards body * Look straight ahead * Repeat for opposite arm
Anterior Deltoid (Front of shoulder) Curt Baldus		* Keep arms shoulder width apart * Slight bend in elbows * Slide buttocks further from arms to increase intensity of stretch
Bicep and Forearm (Front of arm) <i>Lea Howard</i>		* Pull fingers towards back of arm with opposite hand. * Keep elbow straight but do not hyperextend it. * Repeat for opposite arm
Triceps (Back of upper arm) Brady Finnern	EX YP-0-0/12 G tall GOI	* Pull the bent elbow down and across the back side of the head with opposite arm * Repeat for opposite arm

Partner Pectoral Stretch (Chest) Cindy Sonntag & Michelle Schaefer		* Person being stretched: stand straight up, keep arms straight, and cue partner as to when to stop * Person assisting: Pull partners arms back keeping them parallel to the ground.
Pectorals (Chest) Kristin Johnson	NCA DISTRALL	* Place forearm on study surface (wall) * Rotate upper body away from wall * Arm can be bent at 90 degrees or kept straight * Repeat on opposite side
Spinal Twist (Back) <i>Amanda Stoeckel</i>	E SOLES SOLE	* Cross one bent leg over the other * Twist upper body in the direction of the bent leg * Use one arm to stabilize on the ground and the other to apply pressure onto the outside of the knee • Repeat in opposite direction
Erector Spinae (Lower back) Laura Paddack		*Bend knees • Pull legs (from behind the knees) towards the chest
		* Sit with buttocks and back flat

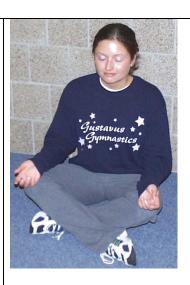
Wall sit (Back: posture improvement) Bruce VanDuser		* Hold upper arms parallel to the ground while bending the elbows at 90 degrees * Keep back of hands flat against the wall * Keep head against the wall
Cat Arch Stretch (Back) Bob Vaughn III		* Keep arms straight and shoulder width apart * Keep a round back and let head hang to create a "cat arch" look
Quadratus lumborum (Side stretch) Emily VanHee	and the same of th	* Reach both arms to the side and bend at waist * Can be done standing or seated * Repeat in opposite direction
Abdominals (Stomach) Bob Vaughn III		* Push upper body up with straight arms • Keep head in normal alignment (do not pull it back or let it hang forward)
Abdominal Curl <i>Erin Kommerstad</i>		* Curl upper body towards knees * Keep low back pressed to floor * Decline until shoulder blades touch the ground
Hip Flexors (Front of hips) Curt Baldus		* Keep upper body upright * Keep knee behind toes * Push hips forward * (This picture demonstrates a left hip flexor being stretched)

		* Repeat for opposite leg
Z – Sit (External rotators) <i>Emily VanHee</i>	OUSTATUR POUD	* Sit upright * Use hands to stabilize and maintain upright posture * Repeat in opposite direction
Abductors (Side of hips) Amanda Stoeckel		* Pull leg across the body with the knee bent at 90 degrees * Look in opposite direction * Repeat for opposite leg
IT Band (Outside of upper leg) Brian Bergstrom		* Bend one leg at 90 degrees and cross the other leg over * Place one hand at the ankle and the other behind the knee and pull both legs towards the chest * (This picture demonstrates a left leg IT Band stretch) • Repeat for opposite leg
Adductors (Groin) <i>Kristin Johnson</i>	TANKA AMERICAN SERVICE	* Place soles of feet together * Place hands on lower leg or ankle * Pull feet towards groin * Apply downward pressure on the inside of the knees with elbows * Sit upright
		* Pull straight leg toward body

Hamstrings (Back side of upper leg) Curt Baldus		* Repeat for opposite leg
Hamstrings (Back side of upper leg) Brian Bergstrom		* Reach for ankles or feet * Keep back straight and head in normal alignment
Hamstrings (Back side of upper leg) Tiffany Alstead		* Lie at the edge of a wall, corner, or door frame * Rest one leg on the ground while the other is kept straight against the wall
Quadriceps (Front side of upper leg) Brady Finnern	THE PARTY OF THE P	* Pull heel towards buttocks * Can be done standing or lying on side * Repeat for opposite leg
Gastrocnemius and Soleus (Calf) Laura Paddack		* Keep one leg straight and try to keep heel on the ground * Let opposite foot rest on back of the stretched leg's heel * Slight knee bend creates a stretch in the lower calf
Gastrocnemius and Soleus (Calf) Brady Finnern		* Press toes against a sturdy surface (wall) * Keep leg slightly bent and let heel rest on the ground * Straight leg creates a stretch in the upper calf

	* Repeat for opposite leg
Dorsi-Flexors (Front of shin) Beth Luegge	* Place the stretched leg in front of opposite leg * Push top of toes on stretched leg into the ground * Repeat for opposite leg
Dorsi-Flexors (Front of shin) <i>Katie Skrypek</i>	* Sit on knees with shins flat against the ground. * Keep top of foot as flat as possible * Lean back and press down with hands for deeper stretch

Deep Breathing *Katie Skrypek*



- * Deep breathing should be performed in a comfortable body position.
- * Your stomach should expand while you inhale go in while you exhale.
- * Exhale fully and slowly
- * Do 5 to 8 deep breaths in this manner

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General Stretching Guidelines:

- Frequency: Four to seven times a week (after activity)
 - Intensity: Stretch to a point of tension, **NOT PAIN**
- Time: Hold each stretch for 10-20 seconds Approximately 10 minutes total
 - Stretching is most effective after an activity session. Your muscles are warm and therefore they can stretch further. This will allow for a more effective stretching program and it will increase your flexibility. Stretching after activity is also a good time for your body to relax.