

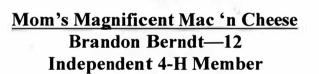


# <u>Peanut – Butter Banana Smoothies</u> Alicia Vander Wal—9 West Sioux II 4-H Club

1 medium banana, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks1 cup fat free milk1 cup vanilla fat free yogurt1 cup ice cubes2 T. peanut butter

Put all of the ingredients in a blender, blend on high speed, stopping the blender occasionally to push the fruit and uncrushed ice cubes down, until smooth.

Serves 3.



6 cups water ⅓ cup milk 6 oz. Velveeta cheese, cubed 3 cups macaroni

Boil water. Add noodles. Cook for 8 minutes, drain. Add milk and cheese. Cook until cheese melts.

Serves 3.



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# <u>Cherry Berry Blossom Special</u> Delanie Tangen—9 West Sioux II 4-H Club

1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup cut pitted cherries 6 oz. cherry yogurt <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup milk 1 ½ cups strawberries
34 cup vanilla yogurt
½ tsp. vanilla

Wash strawberries, hull and slice into pieces. Measure pitted cherries, put all in the blender and blend until smooth. Add yogurt, milk and vanilla and blend until smooth.



Serves 3.

# <u>Orange Julius</u> Jada Lembcke—8 West Sioux II 4-H Club

6 oz. can frozen orange juice
 1 cup water
 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup sugar

1 cup milk 1 tsp. vanilla 10 ice cubes



Combine all ingredients except ice cubes. Process at high speed, add cubes, a few at a time, blending until smooth. Serve immediately.

Serves 5.

## <u>Fruit Pizza</u> Natasha Vermeulen—13 Bruce Honey Bees 4-H Club

1 (20 oz. pkg. refrigerated sugar cookie dough 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup sugar <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. vanilla Assorted fruit (grapes, kiwi, strawberries, etc.) <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup apricot preserves 1 T. water

Preheat oven to 375°. Line pizza pan with foil. Spray with cooking spray. Arrange cookie dough slices in single layer in prepared pan, press together to form crust. Bake 15 minutes. Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer until well blended. Spread over crust. Arrange fruit over cream cheese layer. Mix preserves and water and brush over fruit. Refrigerate one hour.



<u>Calico Salad</u> Jessica Fokken—9 West Sioux II 4-H Club

2 cups broccoli florets
1 cup grape tomatoes
1/4 cup sweet red pepper
1/2 cup sour cream
1 T. ranch salad dressing mix

2 cups cauliflowerets 1/2 cup chopped celery 1/4 cup chopped green pepper 2 T. milk 1/4 cup sunflower kernels 1 T. bacon bits

In a large bowl, combine all vegetables. In another bowel, combine sour cream, milk and ranch mix. Pour over vegetables and toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving. Stir in sunflower kernels and bacon bits right before serving.



Serves 6.



Every Day Meat Loaf Rebecca Apland—15 West Sioux II 4-H Club

2 oz. saltine crackers <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup milk <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. salt <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. pepper <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> cup minced onion 6 oz. ground beef 6 oz. pork sausage 1 eggs 1.4 oz. package bacon bits

Crush crackers. Add the first four ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well. Add meat and egg to the mixture. Mix well until ingredients are well combined. Divide mixture into four small servings. Add servings to the pan. Distribute bacon bits evenly on the tops of the loaves. Bake at 350° for approximately one hour, or until tops are firm.

Serves 4.

#### <u>Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla</u> Victoria Berndt—10 Independent 4-H Member

8 whole wheat tortillas	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup taco seasoning
2 T. southwest seasoning	1 c. water
8 oz. (1 cup) sliced chicken breast	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> cup Colby Jack cheese

Cook chicken. Add water and seasonings to chicken. Simmer 10 minutes. Spray quesadilla maker with cooking spray. Put 1 tortilla in bottom of maker. Sprinkle <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of the cheese and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the chicken. Top with tortilla. Cook for 1-2 minutes

Serves 4.

#### <u>Honey Mustard Chicken</u> Jeanette Klein—13 White Go-Getters 4-H Club

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts¾ cup honey½ cup yellow mustardLemon pepper to taste4 slices bacon, cut in half1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix honey and mustard in small bowl. Cut breasts in half, split open, place in pan. Drizzle honey mixture evenly over. Sprinkle lemon pepper on top. Bake for 25 minutes. Take out, place 2 halves bacon on each breast. Sprinkle cheese over chicken. Bake 15 minutes or until internal temp is 165°.

Serves 5.

#### **Go Lean With Protein**

Start with a lean choice and keep it lean

- \* Trim away all of the visible fat from meats and poultry before cooking.
- \* Broil, grill, roast, poach, or boil meat and poultry or fish instead of frying.
- \* Skip or limit the breading on meat, poultry or fish. Breading adds calories. It will also cause the food to soak up more fat during frying.
- \* Prepare beans and peas without added fats.
- \* Choose and prepare foods without high fat sauces or gravies.
- \* Choose extra lean ground beef. The label should say at least "90% lean." You may be able to find ground beef that is 93% or 95% lean.



#### Beef & Garden Vegetable Pizza Emily Meyer—17 Northview Lads & Lassies

1 lb. lean ground beef½ cup shredded carrots½ cup chopped red bell pepper½ cup chopped broccoli4 whole wheat pita breads½ cup shredded park-skim mozzarella cheese½ cup shredded park-skim mozzarella cheese1 6 oz. can tomato paste1 cup water1 6 oz. can tomato paste3 T. packed brown sugar1 T. reduced sodium soy sauce1 T. minced fresh ginger2 cloves garlic, minced

Brown ground beef. Set aside after draining. In same skillet, combine water, tomato paste, brown sugar, soy sauce, ginger and garlic. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until slightly thickened. Add carrots, pepper and broccoli and cook until tender. Spread one cup of mixture onto each pita. Sprinkle cheese on top. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes in a 400° oven.

Serves 4



### Stuffed Homemade Pizza Brittany Berndt—18 Independent 4-H Member

lb. ground beef
 can pizza sauce
 string cheese sticks
 cup onion

1/2 cup of sliced deli ham 2 pkgs. pizza dough 2 cups shredded Colby Jack cheese

Make pizza dough according to package directions. Brown ground beef and onion. Roll pizza dough out. Put string cheese around edge of pan/dough and wrap dough around cheese. Spread sauce on dough and top with toppings. Cook for 15-20 minutes at 425°. Sprinkle cheese and cook for 5 more minutes. Serves 6.

### <u>Dakota Burgers</u> Andrew Berndt—14 Independent 4-H Member

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup Sweet Baby Rays BBQ Sauce<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup chopped onion<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup Colby Jack cheese<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> tsp. seasoning salt2 T. Emerils BAM! Burger1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs. ground beef6 cheese slices6 Sesame Seed Buns

Place ground beef in mixing bowl, add BBQ sauce, onion, Colby Jack cheese, seasoning salt and BAM! Burger. Mix well. Form into 6 patties. Place patties on George Forman Grill. Cook for 10-12 minutes until burger reaches 160°. Place on sesame bun with a slice of cheese and a lettuce leaf. Serves 6.

#### <u>Bruschetta Chicken</u> Trina Moberg—18 Northview Lads & Lassies 4-H Club

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup all-purpose flour 2 eggs, lightly beaten 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup grated Parmesan cheese <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup stuffing mix, finely ground 1 T. butter, melted 2 large tomatoes, seeded and chopped <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> T. dried basil 2 garlic cloves, minced 1 T. olive oil 1/2 tsp. salt <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp. pepper Place flour and eggs in separate shallow bowls. Dip chicken in flour, then in eggs; place in a greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Combine the Parmesan cheese, stuffing mix and butter; sprinkle over chicken. Loosely cover baking dish with foil. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes. Uncover; bake 5-10 minutes longer or until top is browned. Meanwhile, combine the remaining ingredients in a bowl. Spoon over the chicken. Return to the oven for 3-5 minutes or until tomato mixture is heated through. Serves 4.

### <u>Chicken with Pears</u> Tyler Jensen—15 White Go-Getters 4-H Club

4 boneless chicken breasts, halved	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> tsp. salt
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> tsp. white pepper	2 T. vegetable oil
5 thick cut bacon strips	1 (14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) chicken broth
2 pears	2 T. cornstarch
2 cups cold water	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup snipped chives

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. In a skillet over medium heat, cook chicken in oil on both sides for about 10 minutes or until juices run clear. Meanwhile in a sauce pan, cook bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings; set bacon aside. Gradually stir broth into the drippings, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Bring to a boil. Boil uncovered for 5 minutes. Add peeled and diced pears; return to a boil. Boil uncovered for 5 minutes or until pears are tender. Combine cornstarch and water until smooth; add the chives. Gradually stir in the pear sauce, bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Stir in bacon, Serve over the chicken. Serves 4.

#### Amazing Tater Tot Casserole Kelsey Conatser—14 West Sioux II 4-H Club

1 lb. lean ground beef1 ¾ cup green beans1 10 ¾ oz. cream of mushroom soup 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese½ cup milk1 lb. tater tots1 11 oz. can of corn

Brown ground beef in a skillet. After all the ground beef is browned, transfer meat to a 9x9 casserole dish. Add soup and milk and mix together until all the soup clumps are gone. Add green beans and corn to the top of the meat mixture. After adding the vegetables, evenly sprinkle the cheese throughout the dish. Add tater tots and bake for 45 minutes at 350° or until tater tots are evenly brown and crispy. Serves 4.

#### Li'l Cheddar Meat Loaves Vanessa Brown—16 Poinsett Pioneers 4-H Club

l egg
 l cup shredded cheese
 l tsp. onion
 l lb. ground beef
 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup brown sugar

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup milk
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup oatmeal
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. salt
<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup ketchup
1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. mustard

In a bowl, beat the eggs and milk. Stir in cheese, oats, onion and salt. Add beef and mix well. Shape into loaves; place in a greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Combine ketchup, brown sugar and mustard; spoon over loaves. Bake, uncovered at 350° for 45 minutes or until the meat is no longer pink.

Serves 6.



<u>Cranberry Muffins</u> Annabelle Klosterman—8 Poinsett Pioneers 4-H Club

cup all-purpose flour
 tsp. baking soda
 egg
 T. butter, melted
 cup honey

1 cup whole wheat flour
 ½ tsp. salt
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 cup applesauce
 1 ½ cup died cranberries

Mix all dry ingredients (except cranberries) into mixing bowl. Mix wet ingredients and mix. Add dry ingredients into mixer and mix. Add cranberries. Preheat oven at 325°. Spray pan with oil. Scoop batter evenly into cups. Bake for 25 minutes. Check to see if it is done by sticking a knife and it comes out clean.

Makes 12 muffins.



#### **Balancing Calories**

Enjoy your food, but eat less Avoid oversized portions

#### Foods to Increase

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables Make at least half your grains whole grain Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk

#### Foods to Reduce

Compare sodium in foods like soup, bread and frozen meals—and choose the foods with lower numbers Drink water instead of sugary drinks

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