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Dedication & Acknowledgements

### Dedication



I would like to dedicate this book to my Mom, Bernie and my brothers, Billy & Larry. It was Mom that cooked for us and cared for us with extraordinary love and compassion. She worked hard for us to ensure that we had everything we

needed to make our way in this world as happy, healthy individuals. It was not easy for her, we were not easy and I want to thank her for all of the love and caring that she bestowed upon us.

It was through her delicious cooking that I developed my love of food and desire to cook. I came to the realization in my early adult years that food was an absolute necessity and it could either be a very damaging necessity if not taken seriously or an amazingly delicious, healthy adventure that was both nourishing and healing.

I have chosen to cook the best quality food I can find and make it as delicious and satisfying as I can, promoting health for all those who enjoy it with me.

#### Thank you Mom!

with love,

Bernadette

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Chef Barbara - another dear friend and colleague that worked many hours with me in the kitchen and is responsible for some of the recipes you will find here.

**Chef Xavier** - my favorite teacher and mentor!

Chef Hollie - another dear friend and colleague. She specializes in teaching children and families. Find our more about her at Joyfoodly.com

And, last but certainly not least ~ all of the dedicated gamers & clients that have been so gracious to encourage me to gather my recipes and present them something new on a daily basis. They volunteered to be my guinea pigs and recipe testers ~ my QC department!



Capt. Marc



**Chef Brad** 



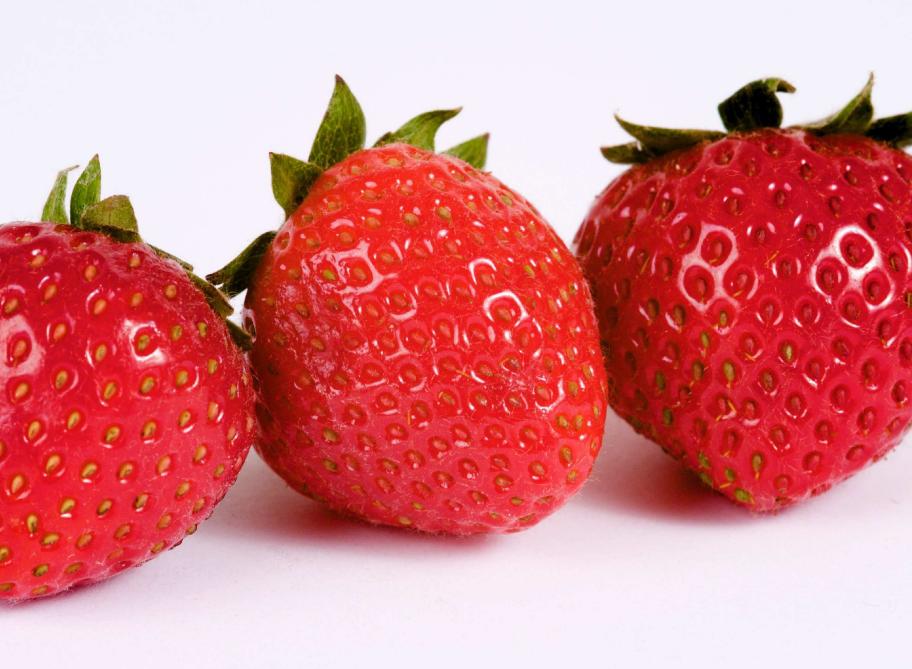
Chef Barbara



**Chef Xavier** 



Chef Hollie



Introduction



Let me introduce myself, my name is Bernadette Kathryn. I arrived in Manhattan some 20 years ago; I have worked in the Health & Wellness Industry as a Health Coach, Lifestyle Consultant, Personal Trainer, Massage Therapist and Personal Chef at BK Fitness.

One of the greatest pleasures of my life has been working with many amazing people over the years and it is with great pride that I can say – most of my clients are still with me today, 20 years later. I feel very blessed and honored to be a part of their lives, to be trusted and respected by these amazing, accomplished individuals.

It has been my experience that most people wrestle with their food plans as much as they wrestle with their fitness regimen. I want people to know that eating healthy doesn't have to be boring, you can have both – great tasting and good for you!

While growing up in the South, with an Italian mother (she grew up in New Orleans), there was always lots of fabulous food. Food with a little spicy edge to it and the influences of Tex-Mex mixed into traditional Italian & Cajun dishes. My personal food style reflects this mixture of Southern, Italian, spicy Tex-Mex all rolled up into healthy deliciousness.

I am lucky that I have always loved to eat, cook & share great food with my family and friends. And, this collection of recipes reflects my love of food, desire for healthy eating and requirement for great taste.

"My food style reflects this mixture of Southern, Italian, spicy Tex-Mex all rolled up into healthy deliciousness."



# Breakfast & Brunch

### Gluten Free Granola

Prep time: 15 mins | Cook time: 45 mins | Total time: 1 hour

#### Ingredients

- 4 Cups Organic Oats
- ½ Cup Coconut sugar
- 1T pure vanilla extract
- ½ Cup Agave Nectar
- ½ Cup Coconut Oil
- 1T Ground Cinnamon
- ½ T ground nutmeg
- ½ t celtic salt
- 2 Cups nuts of choice
- 2 Cups of fruit of choice
- 2 Cups large flaked coconut

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325.
- 2. Mix your oil, agave, coconut sugar, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla

- 3. Add Oats and mix thoroughly
- 4. Spread out mixture on 2 sheet trays
- 5. Bake for 15-20 minutes
- 6. Add the nut mixture and bake an additional 15 minutes
- 7. Add the coconut flakes and bake an additional 10 minutes then take out and allow to cool
- 8. Mix thoroughly with your fruit of choice
- 9. Package and save! Can be safely frozen for the future.







### Blueberry Muffins

Combine the power of blueberries and whole grains and you have a real winner

#### Ingredients

1-1/2 Cups GF whole grain flour

1t celtic salt

1 Cup organic sugar-free shredded coconut

½ Cup organic coconut palm sugar

1T baking powder

1t baking soda

1t guar gum or xanthan gum

1 Large Egg – room temperature

1/4 Cup melted organic coconut oil

½ Cup organic apple or pear sauce – room temperature

½ Cup organic milk – room temperature

1 cup of fresh organic blueberries

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 30 mins

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350.
- 2. Line your muffin tins with paper
- 3. Mix all of your dry ingredients
- 4. Mix your wet ingredients make sure everything is room temperature
- 5. Combine and add the walnuts & cranberries
- 6. Fold to distribute blueberries
- 7. Scoop into your lined muffin tin
- 8. Bake for 10 minutes at 350.
- 9. Rotate your pan and bake an additional 10 minutes

## Eranberry Walnut Muffins

Muffins with a splash of lemon brings me back to those Sunday with the family

#### Ingredients

1.5 cups GF flour

½ Cup coconut sugar (or honey)

1t salt

1T baking powder

1t baking soda

1t guar gum

1 Egg large

½ Cup milk

½ Cup applesauce

1/4 Cup melted coconut oil

½ Cup walnuts, chopped

½ Cup cranberries

1 Lemon, zest & juice

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 30 mins

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350.
- 2. Line your muffin tins with paper
- 3. Mix all of your dry ingredients
- 4. Mix your wet ingredients make sure everything is room temperature
- 5. Combine and add the walnuts & cranberries
- 6. Fold to distribute
- 7. Scoop into your lined muffin tin
- 8. Bake for 10 minutes at 350.
- 9. Rotate your pan and bake an additional 10 minutes



## Apple Butter Muffins

Just the right amount of spice and extra special served warm with a sugar free fruit jam

#### Ingredients

1 Cup GF flour

1 t baking soda

1 T baking powder

1 t guar gum

½ t cinnamon

1 Cup Apple Butter

1/4 Cup Applesauce

1/4 Cup raw organic honey

1 Cup FF Buttermilk

2 Lg Egg Whites

½ Cup raisins

3. Whisk together the wet ingredients

4. Mix wet and dry ingredients to combine

5. Fold in the raisins

6. Scoop into paper lined muffin tins

7. Bake for 18-20 minutes

8. Allow to cool for 5 minutes

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350.

2. Combine the dry ingredients, stir to mix well

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 30 mins





### Scottish Shortbread

A great treat from "Gems of gluten free baking" by Wendy Turnbull

#### Ingredients

1 1/4 cups finely ground brown rice flour

1/4 Cup corn flour

1/3 Cup brown sugar

1/2 Cup butter

1/4 t salt

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 25 mins Total time: 35 mins

- 1. Preheat oven to 300F
- 2. Combine rice flour, corn flour, butter, brown sugar and salt in food processor. Pulse until mixture is crumbly
- 3. Press firmly in ungreased 8x8 pan
- 4. Score (1/8" deep) shortbread into portions
- 5. Using tip of a fork poke three evenly spaced indentations in each rectangle
- 6. Bake 25 minutes
- 7. Cool completely before cutting

### Broccoli Cheddar Frittata

Prep time: 25 mins | Cook time: 25 mins | total time: 50 mins

#### Ingredients

- 1 pt Organic Egg whites
- 2 Whole pastured eggs
- 1 bunch broccoli
- 12 oz chicken apple sausage
- 3 oz grated cheddar cheese

- 1. Pre heat Oven to 325F
- 2. Bring all ingredients to room temperature
- 3. Cut broccoli tops, save stems for another use
- 4. Blanche broccoli and set aside
- 5. Cut sausage into bite-sized pieces

- 6. In food processor, chop broccoli and sausage by pulsing 3-4 times
- 7. Grate cheddar cheese and set aside
- 8. Combine egg whites and whole eggs in a pitcher with a whisk
- 9. Prepare muffin pan with non-stick spray
- 10. Divide sausage/broccoli mixture between 12 muffin servings.
- 11. Top with cheese
- 12. Distribute egg mixture evenly between 12 muffin servings
- 13. Bake for 20 25 mins (depending on oven)





## Chicken Maple Sausage

Delightful little patty sausages — perfect for a quick morning bite!

#### **Ingredients**

2 LB Organic Free Range Ground Chicken 1 Organic Apple, peeled & chopped or grated 1 bunch of Organic Scallions, finely chopped 4t dried sage 3T Organic maple syrup (optional) 2T Organic EVOO 2t Celtic Salt

black pepper and cayenne to taste

Prep time: 15 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 35 mins

- 1. Mix thoroughly, scoop into molds on a cookie sheet.
- 2. I use a ice cream scooper and ring molds to assist the process and ensure that each sausage patty is uniform in size and shape.
- 3. Then sear in a hot pan and cook through.



### Whole Grain Waffles

Tasty, great texture, gluten free, whole grain - the only waffle with a resume

#### Ingredients

- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C tapioca flour
- ½ C sorghum flour
- ½ C oat flour
- 1/₃ C teff flour
- 2t xanthan gum
- ½ t guar gum
- 1T baking powder
- 1 t salt
- 3 T Agave Nectar
- 1 C Organic Milk or Almond milk
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1 t vanilla extract
- ½ stick of melted butter or coconut oil Coconut oil for greasing the pan

#### Instructions

- 1. Combine all the dry ingredients
- 2. Combine the liquids make sure they are room temperature
- 3. Combine the liquids and dry, I like to use a hand mixer for this and thin the batter out a little if it feels too thick.
- 4. Preheat your waffle iron according to package directions and begin the magic!

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 4 mins Total time: 14 mins



## Salads & Entrees

## Ereamy Eucumber Dressing

Clean & cool, perfect for a summer salad

#### Ingredients

1 English Cucumber, chopped — you can seed it if you prefer, I don't because I like the seeds

1 Shallot – chopped

1 Cup organic non-fat plain yogurt

1/2 Cup organic white wine vinegar

1 T mayonnaise

1/4 Cup organic EVOO

s/p to taste

#### Instructions

Blend the first 5 ingredients in a high powered blender to puree, then slowly drizzle the EVOO into the mix with the blender running to emulsify. Taste and season with salt & pepper to taste.



# Ereamy Italian Dressing

So easy and will last a long time, its crazy not to make your own!

### Ingredients

1 Cup Plain Yoghurt
2T Mayonnaise
2T White Wine Vinegar
1/2t Dry Mustard
1/2t Dry Basil
1/2 Dried Oregano
1/4 t Salt
1 Garlic Clove (minced)
1/4 Cup EVOO
Juice of a lemon

- 1. Everything other than the EVOO in the blender
- 2. Blend on high
- 3. Slowly drizzle in EVOO to emulsify
- 4. Taste and adjust seasoning



# Buttermilk Tomato Dressing

Prep time: 5 mins | Total time: 5 mins

### Ingredients

1 Cup FF Organic Buttermilk

1 Cup Organic Cherry Tomatoes

1 Shallot chopped

1 garlic clove, grated

2 T FF Organic Plain Yogurt

2 T Dijon Mustard

1 t dry mustard

2T white wine vinegar

1 Lemon, zest & juice

s/p to taste

#### Instructions

1. Put all of the ingredients into a powerful blender and puree until smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning as needed



# Tomato Mustard Dressing

Quick, tangy & goes great on just about anything

### Ingredients

1 pint of organic cherry tomatoes 2 T dijon mustard ½ cup red wine vinegar ½ cup EVOO s/p to taste

#### Instructions

- 1. Throw the first 3 ingredients into the blender and puree
- 2. Slowly drizzle the oil into the blender while running to emulsify
- 3. Taste and season as needed

Prep time: 5 mins Total time: 5 mins





# Roasted Garlic Vinaigrette

Prep time: 15 mins | Cook time: 30 mins | Total time: 45 mins

## Ingredients

½ red onion chopped
1 whole head of roasted garlic
½ Cup organic red wine vinegar
½ Cup organic EVOO
1T Raw organic honey
s/p to taste

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350.
- 2. Cut your garlic head in half, s/p, dash of EVOO
- 3. Wrap in foil and bake for 30 mins, until soft & sweet
- 4. Chop onion and place in blender

- 5. Take the garlic cloves out of the paper & place in the blender
- 6. Add the red wine vinegar and honey
- 7. Blend until smooth
- 8. Slowly add the EVOO in a stream while the blender is running and emulsify
- 9. Taste and add s/p to suit

# Grilled Tarragon Chicken

Prep time: 15 mins | Cook time: 20 mins | Total time: 35 mins

### **Marinade Ingredients:**

1 LB. thin cut boneless, skinless chicken breast

2 Tbs. Dijon Mustard

2 Tbs. Fresh Tarragon, chopped

2 Tbs. Dry Vermouth

Salt & Pepper, to taste

## **Tarragon Vinaigrette:**

4 teaspoons Sherry vinegar

1 tablespoon minced shallot

1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh tarragon

#### Instructions:

- 1. Combine all the marinade ingredients in a bowl
- 2. Mix well
- 3. Add to the thin chicken cutlets and marinade 2-4 hours
- 4. Bring to room temperature before grilling. Cook on a hot grill until just cooked through
- 5. Enjoy with your favorite fresh vegetables w/ Tarragon Vinaigrette

For the vinaigrette follow instructions from Tomato Mustard Dressing



## Classic Bone Broth

### The first step to flavor and health!

#### How its done:

1. Roast your bones — (can be done with chicken, beef, pork or veal bones) about 20 mins at 350F to 400F

Add vegetables and herbs to your pot

- onion
- carrots
- celery
- leeks
- parsley
- thyme
- bay leaves
- garlic
- cloves
- s/p
- 2. Caramelize your vegetables either in the oven or in the pot for a bit before adding your roasted bones

- 3. De-glaze your pot with white wine the amount depends on your pot and amount of bones
- 4. Allow the wine to reduce and the alcohol to burn off, you will be left with the lovely flavor
- 5. Add your roasted bones and cover with COLD WATER
- 6. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer skim the impurities (scum) off the top periodically. NEVER let the pot boil again
- 7. Keep the broth at a moderate simmer for 24-48 hours, add 2T apple cider vinegar to help pull the minerals out of the bones
- 8. Add more cold water as needed to not let the pot cook down too far
- 9 Although, you do need the broth to reduce to concentrate the flavor, minerals and gelatin.
- 10. After you have completed the cooking process, strain twice to remove all the impurities and ensure a clear broth.





# Italian Wedding Soup

A marvelous dinner in a bowl that is delicious, satisfying and completely sanctioned!

### Ingredients

- 2 Qts Classic Bone Broth
- 2 Cups of white wine any good wine you have on hand
- 1 2" piece of parmesan cheese rind
- 48 mini meatballs any kind you like
- 3 large shallots sliced thinly
- 4 large cloves garlic minced
- 2 carrots peeled & chopped
- 1 celery stalk peeled & chopped
- 1/4 cup parsley chopped
- 4 Cups Escarole chopped

#### Instructions

- 1. Heat the Classic Bone Broth
- 2. Add the wine and parmesan rind, up to a boil, down to simmer, reduce by  $\frac{1}{4}$
- 3. Add the vegetables after 15 minutes
- 4. Cook vegetables for 5 minutes on low heat, not to over cook
- 5. Add the meatballs to heat through
- 6. Sprinkle with parsley and serve!

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 30 mins

# Zucchini & Onion Soup

Prep time: 5 mins | Cook time: 20 mins | Total time: 25 mins

### Ingredients

- 1 Vidalia Onion
- 1 Cup White Wine
- Salt/Pepper
- 1t Cumin (or more to taste)
- 4 Zucchini
- 2 Cups Chicken Stock
- 1T Butter or Cream (optional)

#### Instructions

- 1. Cut up sweet vidalia onion and sweat it in a pan with a little butter
- 2. Add 1 Cup white wine and reduce by half
- 3. Add salt pepper and cumin
- 4. Add in 4 zucchini (4 servings)

- 5. Add 2 Cups chicken stock (or just to cover the vegetables)
- 6. Cook until Zucchinis are tender.
- 7. Throw into Blender and puree on high.
- 8. Add in one tablespoon of butter or cream (optional to make it as thick or thin as you like) and blend again.
- 9. Taste and adjust seasoning

Recipe works for almost every vegetable and combination of vegetables, some of our favorite flavor profiles are:

Carrot, Apple & Onion
Cauliflower Onion & Curry
Broccoli Onion & Cumin
Yellow Squash, Onion & Celery
Parsnip, Pear & Sweet Onion





# Spicy Gazpacho

You can add some EVOO to cut the acidity — or just use plain yogurt, it's very good!

### Ingredients

4 medium ripe tomatoes
1 long English cucumber
½ medium red onion
½ red bell pepper
½ yellow bell pepper
1 large celery rib
2 fresh jalapeño peppers
2 Cups tomato juice
3T fresh lime juice
2T sherry vinegar
s/p to taste
non-fat plain yogurt – optional

Prep time: 15 mins Total time: 15 mins

- 1. Cut the tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, peppers, celery and jalapeño peppers into chunks and pulse in batches in a food processor until finely chopped or use a sharp knife.
- 2. In a large bowl or covered container combine the chopped vegetables with the tomato juice, lime juice, vinegar and s/p. Stir to mix thoroughly
- 3. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled -2-8 hrs
- 4. Serve ice cold with a dollop of yogurt if desired.



# Chicken & Shrimp Gumbo

A lighter spa version of a classic - laissez les bon temps rouler!

### **Ingredients**

- 1 lb fresh large shrimp cut in half lengthwise
- 1 lb chicken breast organic, free-range, pastured chicken
- 1 lb andouille chicken sausage, cut into cubes and browned
- 1 qt chicken stock, homemade
- 1 qt shrimp stock, homemade
- 1 large organic onion, chopped
- 1 large organic red pepper, chopped
- 1 large organic jalapeño, chopped
- 4 organic scallions, thinly sliced
- 2T organic garlic, chopped
- 28oz can organic crushed tomatoes
- 4 bay leaves
- 1T dried basil
- 1T dried oregano
- 1T dried thyme

- 1. In a large heavy bottom pan, sweat onions, scallion, garlic and pepper
- 2. In another pan, brown your sausage before adding to the pot
- 3. Add tomatoes, stocks and herbs to the heavy bottom pan with the vegetables
- 4. Add the chicken pieces and sausage, cook for ½ hour or more to marry the flavors
- 5. Add the shrimp in the last 5 minutes before serving to ensure that they are not over cooked.



### **Ingredients**

- 1 Qt Classic Bone Broth or stock in a box
- 1 can black beans rinsed
- 1 can kidney beans rinsed
- 1 can whole tomatoes crushed
- 1 large vidalia onion finely chopped
- 3 large carrots peeled and finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery peeled and finely chopped
- 1 large red pepper chopped
- 1 large yellow pepper chopped
- 1 pt button mushrooms roasted & chopped
- 1 pt cremini mushrooms roasted & chopped
- 1 pt shitaki mushrooms roasted & chopped
- 1 pt portabello mushrooms roasted & chopped
- 4-6 cloves garlic minced
- 2-3 jalapeños chopped (optional)
- 2 T organic spice mix or to taste
- 2 T Chili powder or to taste
- 2 T Cumin or to taste
- 2 T Cocoa Powder
- $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2}$  Cup Whisky or White Wine (optional) s/p to taste

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400.
- 2. Clean mushrooms from any loose dirt
- 3. Toss mushrooms with a T of EVOO and sprinkle with s/p
- 4. Roast in oven 25-30 minutes and let cool
- 5. Sweat the onion, carrot, celery & peppers in a heavy bottom dutch oven
- 6. Add the spices and cocoa to the pot and cook for a few minutes
- 7. Add the Whiskey or Wine (if using)
- 8. Using a food processor pulse chop all of the mushrooms and add to the pot
- 9. Cook on low simmer to allow the alcohol to reduce
- 10. Add the Classic Bone Broth or stock in a box
- 11. Add the canned tomatoes or fresh if you have them
- 12. Add the beans rinse first please or use dried beans that have been soaked if you prefer
- 13. This is the perfect recipe for a crock pot you can put it all together in the morning and come home to a gorgeous pot of chili in the evening!

# Shrimp Bisque

A surprisingly easy soup to make that is comforting, satisfying, delicious and low-fat

## Ingredients

- 1 QT fresh shrimp stock
- 1 Cup white wine
- 1/4 Cup dry sherry
- 2 LB fresh shrimp with shells
- 1T butter
- 4 medium size shallots chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeño, chopped
- 1 sweet red pepper, chopped
- 2 Cups organic sweet corn
- 1 Cup skim milk or ¼ Cup cream to finish

Prep time: 30 mins Cook time: 15 mins Total time: 45 mins

- 1. Finely chop and sweat the shallots & garlic in butter
- 2. Add jalapeño and cook for 2 mins until soft
- 3. Add white wine & dry sherry, reduce to ½
- 4. Add shrimp stock and continue to further reduce to  $\frac{1}{3}$
- 5. Peel & devein shrimp (save the shells to make shrimp stock for future use & freeze)
- 6. Slice shrimp in half lengthwise
- 7. Add Shrimp to the pot and cook for 2-3 minutes

- 8. Remove ½ the shrimp and set aside
- 9. Puree the other half of the shrimp with the shallots, garlic and jalapeño in blender until smooth
- 10. Return puree to the pot and add red pepper and corn to heat through
- 11. Chop other half of shrimp into slightly smaller pieces and return to the pot
- 12. Taste and adjust the seasonings



# Potato Leek Soup

A rich and satisfying bowl of comfort, especially when you are not feeling your best

## Ingredients

- 8 Yukon Gold Potatoes
- 1 Celery stalk
- 2 Garlic cloves
- 2 Leeks, white & light green parts only
- 4 Cups Bone Broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 Cup Organic FF Buttermilk

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Cook all the vegetables in the bone broth until soft
- 2. Discard the bay leaf
- 3. Puree in a high powered blender
- 4. Puree until smooth, add buttermilk and blend

5. Taste & adjust the seasoning to your taste

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 15 mins Total time: 25 mins



# Chicken Dijonnaise

So simple that you already have the ingredients around your kitchen



#### **Ingredients**

1lb Chicken Breast 1/4 Cup Mayonnaise 1/4Cup Mustard 1T Dried Thyme 1T Dried Tarragon

- 1. Mix mustard & mayo
- 2. Mix in thyme and tarragon
- 3. Add cubed chicken and leave to marinate for at least 4 hours to overnight.
- 4. Cook chicken and enjoy!

# Eurried Chicken Salad

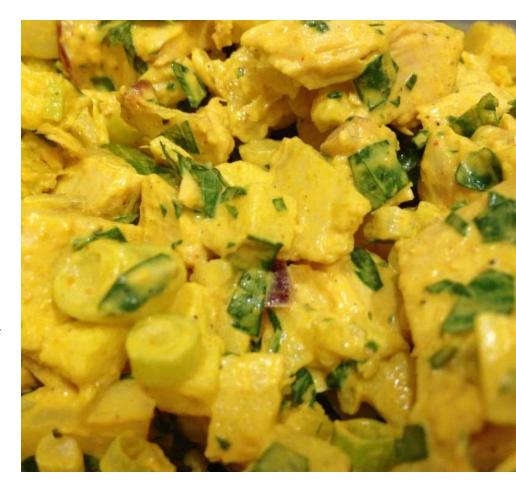
Prep time: 30 mins | Cook time: 30 mins | Total time: 1 hour

### Ingredients

- 1 Double breast chicken (bone-in, organic free-range)
- ½ Head Cauliflower, oven roasted
- 2 Stalks Celery
- ½ Red Onion
- 4 Scallions (green part only)
- 1/4 C Parsley (finely chopped)
- 1 Golden Delicious Apple (finely chopped or shredded)
- ½ C Greek-style Yogurt (plain, organic, Fat-free)
- 2 Lemons (juice & zest)
- 11/2 tsp Curry Power
- 2 tsp Turmeric
- Salt & Pepper to taste

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375
- 2. Rub the chicken with lemon, s/p, EVOO Roast until it reaches an internal temperature of 155
- 3. Take it out, cover with foil and rest to allow the carry over temperature to rise to 165. This will ensure that the chicken is fully cooked without drying out the meat. (or make your life easy and just buy a rotisserie chicken and pull the juicy meat off the bones and save the bones to make a beautiful bone broth)
- 4. Split the cauliflower into florets and toss with EVOO, s/p and roast until tender and slightly caramelized, allow to cool

- 5. Finely chop the celery, red onion, scallion tops, and parsley
- 6. Peel and grate or chop the apple toss with juice of ½ lemon to prevent oxidizing
- 7. Prepare the dressing: Mix the yogurt, lemon juice, spices
- 8. Adjust the seasoning to your taste
- 9. Take the chicken off the bone and chop into bite size chunks and toss into the dressing
- 10. Chop the cauliflower and add all of the vegetables to the chicken and dressing, tossing to coat
- 11. Check again for seasoning you may want to add more s/p and or lemon





# Hot Wings

## A deliciously deceptive version of a party favorite!

#### **Ingredients**

1 LB Boneless, skinless chicken breast

2T EVOO

1/4 Cup organic spice rub

1/4 Cup lime juice and zest

1/4 Cup hot sauce of choice

2T honey

#### Instructions

- 1. Cut chicken breast into approx 1" cubes, coat with EVOO & spice rub
- 2. Marinade 4 hours or overnight (take out and allow to come to room temperature before cooking)

- 3. Mix remaining ingredients into a sauce and heat on low flame to mix and melt the honey
- 4. Heat your non-stick grill pan and lightly coat with oil
- 5. Grill the chicken pieces for 2-3 minutes until cooked through
- 6. Toss the chicken with some of the sauce to coat

Serve on lettuce cups with extra sauce on the side

Prep time: 4 hours Cook time: 5 mins

Total time: 4 hours 5 mins



# Chicken in Mustard Sauce

An excellent, elegant meal ~ beautiful, scrumptious and good enough for a special occasion.

### **Ingredients**

White wine Classic Bone Broth Sweet onion or shallots Dijon Mustard A little bit of cream

#### Instructions

The amount of each ingredient will vary depending on how many you are serving. The process will be the same no matter what the quantity is.

First, brown the meat in the pan creating a nice crust on each side and then lower the heat and cook through. The cooking time will depend on the size and thickness of the meat.

While the meat is cooking, chop your onion or shallot into fine dice or slivers (however you like your gravy)

After the meat is cooked, remove it from the pan and set aside

Add the onion or shallot to the pan along with the wine and allow to reduce to 1/2, scraping the bottom of the pan to release the sucs from the pan and into the sauce, yum — lot's of good flavor

Add the Classic Bone Broth and bring the temperature up to high and allow to reduce again to 1/2

Add the dijon mustard and cream, continue to cook until it reduces again to 1/2

Taste and adjust the seasoning

What you will be left with is an amazing gravy (sauce) that really adds personality to your dish. It does have fat from the cream, but – it's so little compared to the entire dish, it's acceptable and desirable! Just don't eat a bowl of sauce ...

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 0.5 hours



# Asian Chicken Hiders

With a tangy dipping sauce that makes you want to lick your fingers when you eat!

### **Ingredients**

Ground Chicken — pastured, free range chicken

1 large egg — pastured from free range chicken

½ cup Shitaki Mushrooms — organic, finely chopped

1/4 cup Scallions — organic, finely chopped

2T Ginger — finely grated

1T Garlic — finely grated

2T Tamari — gluten free

2T Sesame Oil — toasted

1t Red pepper flakes

Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 6 mins Total time: 26 mins

- 1. Combine ground chicken, egg, and chopped vegetables
- 2. Add aromatics, garlic, ginger, tamari, pepper, sesame oil
- 3. Mix thoroughly and portion into ring molds with ½ cup ice cream scoop
- 4. Tamper into size and remove ring molds
- 5. Cook in hot pan with plain sesame oil until brown on both sides
- 6. Approximately 4-6 minutes



# Spring Rolls & Asian Slaw

Healthy, tangy, crunchy & satisfying; perfect for a summer easy week-night dinner

#### **Ingredients**

Boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Fresh grated ginger

EVOO S/P

Napa Cabbage Snow Peas Carrots

Red Pepper Yellow Pepper Radicchio Endive

Golden Delicious Apple Rice Wine Vinegar Grated Ginger

Dark Toasted Sesame Oil

Light Miso Paste Lime Zest & Juice Sriracha Hot Sauce

Extra Thin Spring Roll Wrapper

(If you want a spring roll presentation)

Prep time: 30 mins Cook time: 10 mins Total time: 40 mins

- 1. Cut Chicken into thin strips
- 2. Grate fresh ginger
- 3. Add EVOO
- 4. Add S/P to taste
- 5. Mix to form a paste & cover the chicken
- 6. Leave in an airtight container overnight to marinate
- 7. Wash & dry your vegetables
- 8. Finely chop all vegetables into julienne strips for your slaw
- 9. Make your dressing:
- 10. (1) qtr Cup each -
- 11. Toasted Sesame Oil







- 12. Rice Wine Vinegar
- 13. Light Miso Paste

- 14. Juice & Zest of 2 limes
- 15. T Sriracha Hot sauce (or to taste)
- 16. S/P
- 17. Mix and serve!





#### **Ingredients**

- 1 lb ground chicken, browned
- 1 large sweet onion, minced
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2T clarified butter, divided
- 2T EVOO, divided
- 1T fresh oregano chopped
- 1T fresh thyme chopped
- 1T fresh basil chopped
- 10 oz baby spinach chopped
- 2 zucchini, julienne sliced
- 2 yellow squash julienne sliced s/p to taste
- Parmesan cheese
- 12 mini peppers, variety of colors

- 1. Chop and slice all your vegetables, use a mandolin slicer for the 'linguini'
- 2. Chop your aromatics, garlic, herbs
- 3. Chop your spinach
- 2. Put 1T of clarified butter & EVOO into a pan with the onion & garlic

- 3. Add s/p and allow to sweat over medium heat
- 4. Add ½ cup white wine and allow to reduce
- 5. Add the ground chicken and brown
- 6. Add the chopped herbs and stir to combine, allow to simmer
- 7. Add the spinach and allow to wilt
- 8. Taste and adjust seasoning to taste
- 9. Set aside to cool
- 10. Bring a pot of cold water up to boil, add a T salt
- 11. Drop your peppers into the boiling water and cook for 2 minutes
- 12. Remove from the boiling water and allow to cool
- 13. After cooling, carefully open the peppers and remove the seeds
- 14. Stuff with your meat, herb and spinach mixture
- 15. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese
- 16. In a non-stick pan heat your remaining butter & oil
- 17. Add your 'linguini' to the pan and cook approximately 2 minutes tossing to combine and make sure all the 'linguini' heats the heat
- 18. Season with s/p and allow to cool in a colander (let any remaining liquid pass off)
- 19. Serve with peppers and a little additional parmesan cheese.



# Chicken Bolognese

I tend to mix up an old favorite with the flavors that I remember blended in

#### Ingredients

- 3 lbs Ground Chicken
- 1 Vidalia Onion, large chopped fine in food processor
- 4 Celery ribs, chopped fine in food processor
- 8 Carrots, peeled & chopped fine in food processor
- 6 Garlic cloves, chopped in food processor
- ½ Cup parsley, chopped in food processor
- 2 jalapeños, chopped in food processor
- 2 T butter grass fed
- 2 28oz cans fire roasted tomatoes 1/4 cup tomato paste s/p to taste
- 1 Cup white wine

- 1. Clean and coarse chop all veg
- 2. Place all veg, jalapeño, garlic, parsley into the food processor and pulse chop until fine do not puree
- 3. Add the butter to a pan, melt and add chopped vegetables to cook
- 4. Add the wine to deglaze the pan and cook down to concentrate the flavor
- 5. Add the tomato paste and cook out the tomato
- 6. Add the Chicken to the pan and combine
- 7. Add the canned tomatoes and simmer 1-2 hours
- 8. The longer you cook it the better, just don't let it burn.

# Chipotle Burger

This is great with soup or on a whole grain bun with arugula and mayo!

#### Ingredients

1 LB ground chicken or turkey

1 large red bell pepper – fine dice

1 large yellow bell pepper – fine dice

1 sweet onion – grated

1 red apple – grated

1 jalapeño – fine dice (optional)

2 scallions – fine chop

1/4 cup cilantro – fine chop

1 T – chipotle powder

1/4 t – cayenne

s/p to taste

Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 8 mins Total time: 28 mins

- 1. Chop all of the vegetables as fine as possible to mix with the burger
- 2. Grate the onion and apple into the bowl that you will mix with the meat, so that you keep the juices to moisten the meat
- 3. Add the other vegetables
- 4. Add the meat and spice
- 5. Mix thoroughly and divide into 6 even patties
- 6. Cook on hot grill or grill pan until cooked through, approximately 4 min per side



# Sausage Stuffed Pepper

A full sanctioned meal that is gorgeous, satisfying, comforting and oh so good

#### Ingredients

Classic Tomato Sauce Chicken Sausage Fresh organic vegetables — sweet peppers, carrots, mushrooms, spinach, and scallions Brown Rice Fettuccini

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Par cook the pepper (blanch in boiling salted water for 3 minutes) take it out and set aside to cool
- 2, Peel a large carrot and using the peeler cut ribbons to add to the pasta
- 3. Defrost and heat the Classic Tomato Sauce

- 4. Defrost and heat the Chicken Sausage
- 5. Mix the Chicken Sausage in a bowl with mushrooms, spinach and scallions
- 6. Cut the pepper in half, remove the ribs and seeds stuff with the sausage and vegetables
- 7. Utilizing the pot of hot water from the pepper, cook the pasta and add the carrot ribbons the last 2 minutes to cook
- 8. Drain the pasta and carrots, dress with tomato sauce and plate with your stuffed pepper!

Prep time: 4 hours Cook time: 7 mins

Total time: 4 hours 7 mins





### Lemon & Garlie Chicken

Elegant & tangy, perfect for a romantic dinner for two

#### Ingredients

2 bone-in skinless chicken breast

1T – organic cultured butter

1T – organic EVOO

15 cloves of garlic smashed

1 cup white wine

2 cups Classic Bone Broth

2 Lemons (Juice & zest)

s/p to taste

#### Instructions

- 1. Melt the butter and EVOO over medium high heat
- 2. Add the chicken breast side down to the pan to sear the meat

- 3. Cook on all sides to sear and add a crust (without the skin)
- 4. Par cook the chicken and take out of the pot set aside for later
- 5. Reduce the heat to medium & add garlic
- 6. Add wine and stock to reduce to half
- 7. Debone chicken and return to pan with zest & juice of the lemons.
- 8. Cook for additional 10 mins on low heat

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total Time: 30 mins

### Chicken Cacciatore

A classic Italian dish of braised chicken with tomato and mushrooms

#### Ingredients

- 2 Chicken Breast, bone in for roasting
- 6 Portabello mushrooms, for roasting
- 4 medium sized shallots, minced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1T butter
- 1T EVOO
- 1/4 cup dry Sherry
- 1 cup white wine
- 1-28 oz can fire roasted tomatoes

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400.
- 2. Season the chicken breast and mushrooms with s/p
- 3. Roast in the oven for approx. 25 minutes

- 4. Take out of the oven and allow to cool
- 5. Chop the garlic & shallots, fine dice
- 6. Heat the butter and oil over medium heat and add shallots and garlic to sweat
- 7. Chop the mushrooms when cool, fine dice
- 8. Add the mushrooms to the shallots & garlic
- 9. Add the sherry and cook 5 minutes to reduce
- 10. Add the canned tomatoes and white wine and allow to reduce
- 11. Debone breasts and cut into bite size pieces add to the sauce to cook, add any juices into the sauce and cook on low heat for 10-15 minutes
- 12. Taste & adjust seasoning





### Lemon Herb Chicken

Chicken infused with the Mediterranean flavors of lemon and herb

#### Ingredients

#### (Lemon Herb Chicken Marinade)

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
Cut in half – across the breast
sideways
Juice and Zest of 2 lemons
Garlic cloves chopped — use as much or
little as you like
2 T dried oregano
2T EVOO
s/p to taste

Prep time: 4 hours Cook time: 20 mins

Total time: 4 hours 20 mins

- 1. Put all of the Lemon Oregano Chicken marinade ingredients together in a zip lock baggie with your bone-less, skin-less chicken breasts.
- 2. Squeeze all of the air out of the bag and put into the fridge until an hour before you are ready to cook.
- 3. It's important to bring the meat to room temperature before cooking. When you are ready, heat your grill and make sure to dry off your chicken before grilling.

#### Ingredients

Homemade Bolognese Sauce (recipe

coming – stay tuned!)

GF – Brown Rice Lasagna noodles

Large Sweet Onions

**Organic Carrots** 

**Organic Celery** 

Organic Mushrooms

Organic Zucchini

Organic Spinach

**Organic Red Peppers** 

Organic Parsley

Organic Oregano

Organic Basil

Ricotta Cheese

Goat Cheese, softened

Parmesan Cheese

Pastured Egg

Nutmeg

Prep time: 45 mins Cook time: 1 hour

Total time: 1 hour 45 mins

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350.
- 2. Make Bolognese Sauce
- 3. Cook GF noodles according to package
- 4. Roast all of your vegetables, cool & pulse chop in food processor
- 5. Mix your ricotta cheese, goat cheese, and egg
- 6. Add herbs to the cheese mixture with nutmeg
- 7. Begin the Assembly
- 8. \*\*\* I only use 1 noodle per serving, cut in half and bake individual servings in small loaf pans
- 9. Put a little sauce on the bottom of the pan
- 10. Add ½ noodle
- 11. Layer more sauce, vegetables, cheese,
- sauce, noodle, and repeat
- 12. Top with grated parmesan cheese
- 13. Bake for 45 minutes covered
- 14. Uncover and continue to bake for 15 minutes







# Mediterranean Burgers

Includes all the salty, briny, flavors of "the Med" and brings life to white meat chicken

#### **Ingredients:**

1 lb ground chicken, pastured

1 lb frozen artichokes, roasted & finely chopped

10 button mushrooms, roasted & finely chopped

1/4 cup Kalamata olives, finely chopped

1/4 cup sun dried tomatoes, finely chopped

1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped

1 bunch scallions, finely chopped

2T dijon mustard

1T Worcestershire sauce

S/P to taste

Prep time: 30 mins Cook time: 10 mins Total time:40 mins

- 1. Preheat oven to 350.
- 2. Roast the mushrooms & artichokes until golden
- 3. Put all veg into the food processor and pulse chop
- 4. Mix all the veg with the chicken, mustard, sauce
- 5. Form into 6 6oz patties
- 6. Sear in very hot pan with minimal oil

# Chicken Meatballs Perfect added to Zucchini Linguini, Light Lasagna, Meatball Hero, Eggplant Parmesan, or served in the cauce on a buffet for a party, yum! Prep time: 45 mins | Cook time: 2 hours | Total time: 2 hours 45 mins

#### **Ingredients**

**2 lbs** – ground chicken or turkey – whatever you prefer

2T Organic clarified butter & EVOO

1 large Vidalia onion

6 small carrots

6 cloves garlic

4 large whole eggs

1/2 cup spinach & basil pesto optional

1/4 cup fresh chopped oregano

1/4 cup fresh chopped basil

1/2 cup fresh chopped parsley

Salt & pepper – to taste

NO BREAD CRUMBS

- **1.** Have the butcher grinding the meat fresh if possible
- **2.** Keep at room temperature for at least an hour before cooking
- **3.** Coarsely chop the onion, carrots, garlic, parsley, oregano, basil

- 4. Using the processor pulse chop the ingredients to a fine chop (not puree)
- 5. Using clarified butter & EVOO -- sauté the vegetable & herbs
- 6. Add salt & pepper to taste sweating the vegetables
- 7. Allow the vegetables to cool and drain
- 8. Gently mix the 4 eggs and add to the meat
- 9. Add the vegetable mixture when it's cooled
- 10. Add the spinach & basil pesto (if using)
- 11. Mix everything thoroughly with your hands
- 12. Measure the meatballs with a small ice cream scoop to shape uniform balls
- 13. Place on a sheet tray while completing the whole batch
- 14. You can either bake the meatballs or par cook GENTLY in a pan before adding to the



Prep time: 15 mins Cook time: 30 mins | Total time: 45 mins

#### Ingredients

1 dozen egg whites4 egg yolks1/4 Cup non-fat organic greek yoghurt1T dijon mustardSalt & Pepper

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Place egg whites and yolks in a bowl and chop with a pastry cutter to desired consistency
- 2. Add in yoghurt and mustard
- 3. Taste and add seasoning as required

#### **Quick Tip:**

For perfectly boiled eggs every time:

- 1. Put your eggs into a pot with cold water, cover the eggs by 1"
- 2. Bring the water to a boil
- 3. Turn the heat off and cover the pot
- 4. Set your timer for 10 minutes
- 5. When the bell rings, pour the hot water down the drain and cool your eggs to stop the cooking.
- 6. Then begin to peel your perfectly cooked eggs!





### Quinoa Tabouli

I love everything about it, it's fresh, tangy, chewy, and I couldn't stop eating it

#### Ingredients

- 1 Cup Quinoa, rinsed & cooked
- 1 pint Cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1 whole english cucumber, peeled, seeded
- & chopped
- 1 bunch scallions, finely chopped
- 1 bunch parsley, leaves chopped
- 2 lemons, zested & juiced
- 1 T mint, minced
- 3T EVOO
- s/p to taste

#### Instructions

- 1. Cook the quinoa according to package directions, drain & cool
- 2. Chop & layer the vegetables, quarter tomatoes

- 3. Peel, seed & chop cucumber
- 4. Clean and chop the scallions
- 5. Chop the parsley & mint
- 6. Zest & juice the lemons over the layered ingredients
- 7. s/p
- 8. Mix thoroughly and taste, adjust the seasonings
- 8. Allow the flavors to marry overnight (if possible) ... it gets better with time!

Prep time: 30 mins
Total time: 30 mins



# Grilled Eggplant Parmesan

This is exactly why I keep a stash of Italian Style Meatballs with sauce in the freezer.

Ingredients: 1 Eggplant | 1/2 Ball Mozzarella | Meatballs and Sauce



- 1) Grill the eggplant on my non-stick indoor grill
- 2) Slice the cheese very thin
- 3) Smash the meatballs into the marinara sauce to create a meat sauce which I thought would make a better accent to the dish than the actual meatballs. It came out fantastic!!

# Salisbury Steak & Gravy

Updated, completely fresh and sanctioned version of that old classic!



#### Ingredients

1 LB Grass-fed ground beef

1 Cup Roasted Garlic & Shallot

Sauce - (refer to website)

S/P to taste

1 Cup Homemade Beef

Consommé

1 Cup White Wine

2 T Dijon Mustard

4 T Homemade Ketchup

2 T Worcestershire Sauce (optional)

2 Shallots – sliced thinly

1 Large Sweet Onion - Sliced

Emincer, thinly

1 T Clarified Butter

1T organic EVOO

1 T Balsamic Vinegar

4 Cups Chopped Broccoli

Stems, Blanched

4 Cups Chopped Carrots – Blanched

#### Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400.
- 2. Thoroughly mix the Roasted Garlic/Shallot Sauce with the beef and set aside to marinate.
- 3. While the beef marinates, chop the vegetables
- 4. Melt the oil and butter in a sauté pan and begin to caramelize the onions over medium heat, with s/p, stir occasionally to ensure that they do not burn
- 5. Bring a pot of water to boil, add salt, and blanch the broccoli and carrots to set the bright color and par cook, take out and shock in ice water to stop the cooking.
- 6. Continue to stir the onions until they reach the caramel stage and then add the balsamic vinegar to the pot and finish cooking on low heat.
- 7. Shape the burgers into oval 'steaks' and sear in a hot sauté pan on both sides and then put into

- 8. Remove the steaks from the oven and allow to cool a bit.
- 9. Remove the steaks from the pan and set aside while making the gravy. Add shallots to the pan along with the white wine and allow to reduce. Add the consommé, mustard, ketchup, worcestershire sauce, s/p and continue cooking. Taste and adjust the seasonings, then puree in a high powered blender on high to create a silky gravy.
- 10. Serve the steak, onions, vegetables and gray ENJOY!

Prep time: 4 hours Cook time: 40 mins

Total time: 4 hours 40 mins

# Italian Style Meatballs

Prep time: 40 mins | Cook time: 30 mins | Total time: 70 mins

#### Ingredients

2lbs each – ground beef, veal, pork

1/4 lb of pancetta

2T Organic clarified butter & EVOO

1 large Vidalia onion

6 small carrots

6 cloves garlic

4 large whole eggs

½ cup spinach & basil pesto (

1/4 cup fresh chopped oregano

1/4 cup fresh chopped basil

½ cup fresh chopped parsley

Salt & pepper – to taste

NO BREAD CRUMBS

#### **Instructions**

1. Have the butcher blend the meat when grinding or mix yourself set aside

- 2. Keep at room temperature for at least an hour before cooking
- 3. Coarsely chop the pancetta, onion, carrots, garlic, parsley, oregano, basil
- 4. Using the processor pulse chop the ingredients to a fine chop (not puree)
- 5. Using clarified butter & EVOO -- sauté the pancetta, vegetable & herbs
- 6. Add s&p to taste sweating the vegetables
- 7. Allow the vegetables to cool and drain to remove excess juices
- 8. Gently mix the 4 eggs and add to the meat
- 9. Add the vegetable mixture when it's cooled
- 10. Add the spinach & basil pesto
- 11. Mix everything thoroughly with your hands
- 12. Measure the meatballs with a ice cream scoop to shape uniform balls
- 13. Place on a sheet tray while completing the whole batch
- 14. You can either bake the meatballs or par cook GENTLY in a pan before adding to the sauce to finish



# Shrimp "Gumbo" Eakes

I can eat a whole plate of them, they are so good.

#### Ingredients

1lb Cod, steamed and flaked
1lb Shrimp, poached, chopped
1lb Chicken Sausage, chopped
1 Red Pepper – Chopped
1 Yellow Pepper – Chopped
1 Scallion – bunch, Chopped
½ Cup Parsley – Chopped
1 small yellow potato, boiled & mashed
1T Sriracha
2T Mayonnaise
2 Whole Eggs or 4 Egg Whites
Salt & Pepper to taste

Prep time: 25 mins Cook time: 10 mins Total time: 35 mins

- 1. Gently cook the Cod & Shrimp careful not to over cook 2-4 minutes & set aside to cool
- 2. Chop all the veg into small dice, uniformly to ensure even cooking
- 3. Chop the chicken sausage into small dice and mix all protein & vegetables together
- 4. Fold in the mashed potato, seasonings, mayonnaise and eggs
- 5. Form into balls with an ice cream scoop and flatten into cakes
- 6. Heat a non stick pan with a little oil and cook gently until golden and heated through



# Shrimp Corn Erepe

Served with luscious shrimp for an elegant sunday brunch.

#### Ingredients

- 1 LB easy peel Shrimp
- ½ Cup GF flour
- 1/3 Cup organic cornmeal medium grind
- ½ t celtic salt
- 2 T organic coconut oil
- 1 Cup + 2T organic milk
- 2 large eggs room temperature

- 1. In a medium bowl combine the flour, cornmeal, and salt.
- 2. Stir to combine
- 3. Add, 1T melted coconut oil, 1 Cup of milk and 2 eggs

- 4. Stir to combine, cover and let stand at least 20 minutes or overnight
- 5. Heat a 10" non-stick pan, using a paper towel, lightly grease with coconut oil.
- 6. Pour ⅓ Cup of batter into the pan, tilting to spread evenly and cook for approximately 1 minute on each side. Remove the crepe from the pan and stack on a plate. Repeat with the remaining batter, save until ready to use.
- 7. Cut your shrimp in half lengthwise (optional) and submerge in your shrimp stock for approximately 2 minutes or until pink being careful not to over cook.



- 8. Place ½ cup of cooked shrimp in a crepe and fold or wrap like a burrito.
- 9. Serve with a little of your favorite sauce I like béchamel gluten free (of course) or a Roasted Garlic Ricotta sauce yum.
- 10. Garnish with chopped chives or crumbled bacon

Prep time: 10 mins | Cook time: 10 mins | Total time: 20 mins



#### **Ingredients**

- 1 lb fresh shrimp, peeled & deveined (save your peel for nutritious shrimp stock)
- 4 oz brown rice noodles, fettuccine noodles or larger
- 2 limes, zest and juice
- 2T tamari sauce
- 2T sriracha sauce
- 1/4 cup fish sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 whole zucchini, julienne outer portion to seeds
- 1 Cup snow peas, thinly sliced
- 4 large Napa Cabbage leaves, chiffonade
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 red pepper, julienne sliced
- 1/4 cup cashews chopped

#### Instructions

- 1. Mix all liquids in a pot and bring to a simmer & reduce slightly
- 2. Prepare all vegetables, mise en place get ready to stir fry
- 3. Soak your noodles in boiling water for 8-10 minutes, until soft not mushy
- 4. Saute your vegetables a little, keep crisp
- 5. Add shrimp to warm liquid for 1 minute
- 6. Add the noodles for 1 minute
- 7. Add the vegetables, turn off heat and stir
- 8. Serve on a large platter, top with cashews

Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 5 mins Total time: 25 mins



### Miso Glazed Cod

Perfect for a quick and elegant meal any night of the week

#### Ingredients

#### (Glazed Cod)

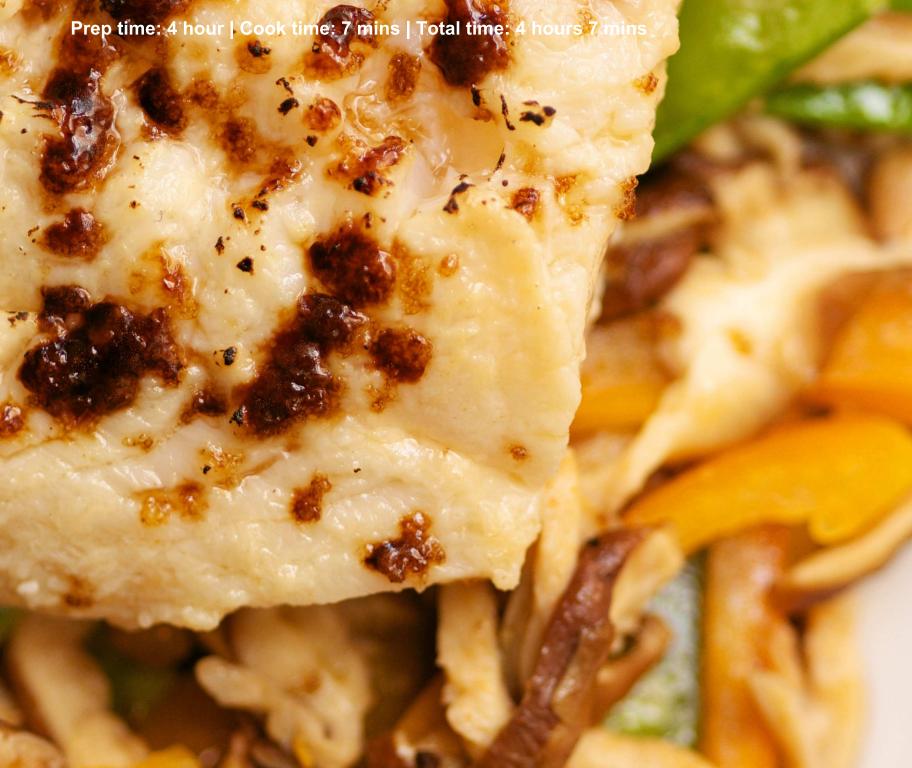
1 Large Cod fillet2T Light Miso1/4 Cup Water1T Mirin1t Organic Coconut Oil

#### (Stir fry)

1T Organic Coconut Oil 1t Dark Sesame Oil 1T Sriracha

Squeeze of Lime Choice of vegetables (Try Snow peas, Napa Cabbage, Shitakis, Peppers, Carrots)

- 1. Mix Miso, water and mirin into light paste
- 2. Marinate Cod in paste for at least 4 hours (up to overnight)
- 3. Heat Coconut Oil in a non-stick saute pan
- 4. Cook Cod about 5 mins on one side (until mostly opaque), gently turn over and cook for a remaining two minutes.
- 5. Heat Coconut Oil in wok
- 6. Add in your choice of vegetables (shredded)
- 7. Cook just to soften , then add Sriracha, Sesame Oil and Lime.
- 8. Serve & Enjoy





## Ingredients

1 lb med-large shrimp in the shells – brined in salt & honey

12 oz Belinski Chicken Cajun Style Andouille Sausage

1 large sweet onion or 4 Shallots sliced

1 large sweet red pepper – sliced

1 large yellow pepper - sliced

1 small fennel bulb - sliced

1 – 10 oz package frozen artichokes – roasted

½ cup frozen organic corn

½ cup frozen organic peas

1 Cup – Chardonnay

2 Cups – Classic Bone Broth

1 Cup – shrimp stock

1/4 cup white wine vinegar

1t - cayenne

1t – tumeric

1t – smokey paprika

1pinch saffron

Prep time: 30 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 50 mins

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400.
- 2. Roast your artichoke hearts for 25 minutes and set aside to cool
- 3. Put shrimp in a brine of salt, honey and waterleave for 2 hrs or overnight
- 4. Slice sausage and cook crispy edges, remove from pan and set aside
- 5. Add vegetables and cook until tender
- 6. Add wine and vinegar reduce to ½
- 7. Add the spices and cook
- 8. Add the bone broth and shrimp stock, continue to simmer
- 9. Check for seasonings add s/p to taste and adjust to your taste
- 10. Peel the shrimp (and save to make shrimp stock for a future use)
- 11. Slice the shrimp in half and add to the pot with the sausage
- 12. Allow to simmer approximately 3-4 minutes and turn off the stove



# Something Special



## Goji Raspberry Gelee

Made from a flavored Green Tea, a little sweet and very refreshing

### **Ingredients**

- 4 Cups Boiling Water
- 6 Bags goji raspberry green tea
- 2 T Organic honey
- 3 T Gelatin powder

### Instructions

- 1. Add the 6 tea bags to the boiling water
- 2. Add the honey to sweeten (more or less to taste
- 3. Bloom gelatin in 1/4 cup room temperature water for 1 minute
- 4. Remove tea bags and add gelatin mixture
- 5. Pour into silicon ice cube molds.

- 6. Put into fridge to set for at least 1 hour
- 7. Unmold and enjoy!

Prep time: 5 mins Cook time: 60 mins Total time: 65 mins





## Granola Parfait

Once you have a batch of granola that you like, add it to a serving of plain organic yogurt & fresh fruit to make a delicious dessert or mini-meal to enjoy something a little sweet and stay on track.

And, if you want to make this completely easy on yourself, you can purchase a good quality granola — just beware of the sugar content.

You can add a little raw organic honey or coconut nectar if you would like a little extra sweetness... absolutely spectacular!

If you want to have some fun with your family ~ set up a Parfait Bar ~ organize all the toppings that your family likes and set it up for everyone to create their own perfect parfait!

## **Topping Ideas:**

Blueberries Strawberries Raspberries Sliced Bananas Sunflower seeds Dried cranberries Coco nib sprinkles

(See pg 16 for granola recipe)





## Coconut Macaroons

Cover these with Chocolate, it's like an old fashioned Mounds bar, only much better.

## Ingredients:

5 large egg whites, room temperature
1/4 tsp Celtic Salt
1/2 cup Organic Raw Honey
1 Tbl Organic Vanilla Extract
1 Tbl Gelatin
3 Cups Organic Shredded Coconut
(unsweetened)
Coconut Oil for greasing

### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350.
- 2. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and grease with coconut oil
- 3. Beat egg whites with salt in a clean bowl with an electric mixer/whip until stiff peaks

- 4. Fold in the honey, vanilla extract, coconut, gelatin and coconut extract until well blended
- 5. Drop and place spoonfuls of the macaroon mixture and place on the lined sheet pan
- 6. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden brown.
- 7. Dip in melted organic chocolate (70% or higher) if desired

Prep time: 15 mins Cook time: 15 mins Total time: 30 mins

## Pecan Date Meringues

Looking for something a little sweet? These little meringues are just the right cookie

## Ingredients

4 egg whites – room temperature (pastured egg whites will not work – you have to separate your eggs for this one) 2 cups chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts) 2 cups of chopped pitted dates ½ cup of powdered xylitol pinch of salt 1 t vanilla

- 1. Preheat oven: 350.
- 2. Pulse chop your nuts & dates in food processor

- 3. Separate your egg white
- 4. Whip your egg whites until frothy
- 5. Add the xylitol, vanilla & salt
- 6. Continue whipping until stiff peaks
- 7. Fold in your nuts & dates
- 8. Scoop onto a sheet tray with a silpat or parchment paper in desired size
- 9. Reduce the oven temp to 180.
- 10. Place in the oven for 2 hours
- 11. Turn the oven off & leave in overnight to complete the drying process



## Chocolate Coconut Candy

I am not against having some fun and some goodies along the way





## **Ingredients**

1/2 Cup Organic Coconut Oil - melted

1/4 Cup Organic Coconut Manna

1-1/2 Cup Organic Coconut Flakes

1/4 Cup Organic Raw Honey

½ Cup Organic Almonds ½ Cup Organic Chocolate – melted

### Instructions

- 1. Prepare a mini-muffin pan (lined with paper if you prefer)
- 2. Melt the Coconut Oil, Coconut Manna, Raw Honey over low flame
- 3. Add the Almond Extract and shredded coconut flakes, mix well

- 4. Chop the almonds and divide between the 24 segments of the muffin pan
- 5. Divide the coconut mixture into the pan and put into the freezer, flat
- 6. Melt the chocolate over a double boiler on simmer until just melted
- 7. Carefully add a small amount of chocolate to cover the coconut mixture
- 8. Return to the freezer for 20-30 minutes

Prep time: 20 mins Cook time: 20 mins Total time: 40 mins



## Spicy Chocolate Bark

Prep time: 45 mins | Cook time: 15 mins | Total time: 60 mins

We need a day off, we need a little naughty mixed in with our nice

### Here's what I did:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350.
- 2. Gather my spices cinnamon, nutmeg & cayenne
- 3. 1 egg white, whipped with 2 T agave nectar and spices
- 4. Toss the nuts in the egg white and spice mixture
- 5. Spread the nut mixture out on a sheet tray and place in the middle of your preheated oven
- 6. Roast in the oven at 350• for approx 15 mins may vary with your oven, pay attention to the smell
- 7. Chop the chocolate with a serrated knife
- 8. Melt over a double boiler place a bowl over small amount of simmering water to steam the chocolate, do not let the water boil or touch the bowl... simmer
- 9. Once the chocolate is melted and the nuts are roasted, put the nuts into the chocolate
- 10. Then pour onto a sheet tray covered with parchment paper and set aside to cool
- 11. You can put this into the fridge for quicker results
- 12. Once the chocolate is set break and enjoy!!



## Three Layer Pavlova

Prep time: 5 mins | Cook time: 30 mins (overnight) | Total time: Overnight

## **Ingredients**

8 Organic egg whites (room temp) 1/4t cream of tartar 1/4t salt 1/2 Cup Organic Honey

- 1. Add egg whites & cream of tartar to mixing bowl and whip on med/high until frothy
- 2. Add honey and salt and whip on high for approx. 3 mins, until stiff peaks
- 3. Spread into 3 even sized rounds on 3 sheets of parchment paper
- 4. Place into preheated 275F oven and cook for 30 mins (rotating every 10 mins) then leave overnight



## Blackberry Compote

Prep time: 5 mins | Cook time: 25 mins | Total time: 30 mins



## **Ingredients**

2Cups fresh organic blackberries 2 Cups organic dried cherries 2 Cups dry red wine 1/4 Brandy or Framboise 10 pink peppercorns 1 Cinnamon stick 2T Agave

- 1. Soak fruit with Brandy in bowl
- 2. Add wine, peppercorns & cinnamon to a pan, bring to boil, then down to a simmer until reduced by half
- 3. Add fruit and continued to reduce on low flame until desired consistency
- 4. Serve over anything or everything!

## Eoconut Whipped Eream

Prep time: Overnight | Total time: Overnight

## Ingredients

2 Cans Original Coconut Milk!t Organic Vanilla Extract1/2 Cup Agave

- 1. Put cans of coconut milk into the fridge (do not shake) and leave overnight
- 2. Open cans scoop only the solids into mixer bowl (keep water for smoothies)
- 3. Add vanilla and sugar
- 4. Beat on high until consistency of whipped cream





## Tropical Fruit Salad

So naturally delicious & a great source of antioxidants

## Ingredients

- 1 Pineapple
- 2 Mango
- 4 Apples
- 1 Pomegranate
- 6 Kiwis
- 1 bunch Red Seedless Grapes
- 1 bunch Green Seedless Grapes
- 1 bunch Bananas
- 1 pint Strawberries
- 1 pint Raspberries
- 1 pint Blueberries
- 3 Limes
- 2 Oranges
- 1T Agave

Prep time: 45 mins Total time: 45 mins

- 1. Cut up pineapple, mangoes, apples, kiwis, grapes, bananas, strawberries into 1/2 inch pieces and place into a large bowl.
- 2. Add raspberries, blueberries and pomegranate seeds.
- 3. Mix
- 4. In a small jar or bowl mix juice of limes, oranges and pomegranate,
- 5. Add agave and shake.
- 6. Pour over fruit salad and dig in!



## Homemade Marshmallows

Ooey-gooey, sticky, homemade sweetness

## Ingredients

2 x 1/2 Cup water
3 T Grass fed beef gelatin
1 cup organic honey
1 t vanilla extract
1/4 t salt
Candy Thermometer

### Instructions

- 1. Grease 8 by 8 pan and line w/ parchment paper (in both directions), leave some overhand for "handles"
- 2. In mixer bowl, add gelatin and 1/2 cup of water
- 3. Pour other 1/2 Cup of water in a saucepan, add honey, vanilla and salt. Bring to boil, place in

thermometer and continue to boil until mixture reaches 240F and immediately remove from heat.

- 4. Slowly add honey mixture to mixer bowl while mixing on low.
- 5. When all is in mixer bowl, mix on high setting for 10 mins.
- 6. Transfer to prepared pan and pat into place with lightly greased hands
- 7. Leave to set....then DEVOUR!



About the Same

## **Our Mission**

## To make the world a healthier, happier place — one game at a time!

It is our intention to provide a framework for self-discovery and support to explore your lifestyle in an effort to improve one's life in a meaningful way. Working together in a community of like minded individuals, playing a game of healthy living we are all in this (life) together.

Now is the time to have a real sit-down with ourselves and our internal posse, and come up with our smart goals for this game and our healthy lifestyle. Get out your pen & paper or your i-Pad, however you are comfortable taking notes and get busy — get organize and make some SMART GOALS for this game period!

This game is played in 10 week segments and our lifestyle stays with us for our lifetime! Choosing a healthy lifestyle is just that — a choice. And, that choice is one we are faced with time and again when we get stressed, are hungry, travel, and go out with friends and family. We are constantly bombarded with a multitude of choices that can either support a healthy lifestyle or not.

It is completely unrealistic to think that we will make the healthiest choice 100% of the time, which is why this game has built in three 'cheat meals' each week. We all need to take a break from our work, workout, 'diet' and chores — decompress a little, right?

The goal of this game is to help us become more aware of the choices that we are making everyday, over and over again, that either support our health or not. Once we begin to see the behaviors, that can potentially be destructive over time, we are better able to change them. And, if we really want to support our health and that of our families — consistency in our choices is the most supportive thing we can do for ourselves.

The objective of the game is to create healthy habits that will support a long healthy life and there are several core components:



- **Food** eating well-balanced meals from our list of 'whole foods' at regular intervals to ensure that we are optimizing our metabolism.
- Water drinking 2-3 liters of pure water everyday forgetting the juice, soda, diet drinks and limiting the adult beverages to 2-3 meals a week, only!
- Exercise minimum 30 minutes a day for a minimum of 180 minutes each week do your very best and work up to more without overdoing it!
- **Sleep** the most under rated healthy habit in modern times we need to recharge our batteries, 6-8 hours sleep each night.
- **Communication** is an essential element in every good relationship and we need healthy relationships to thrive in this world.
- **Gratitude** an attitude of gratitude is essential to a healthy spirit. The more grateful you are for what you have the better you feel, take a look around...

Make your smart goals on any area of life that you wish to work on — remember, it's a journey — enjoy the ride!

## What is a FULLY SANCTIONED MEAL?

### **Each meal must include:**

Protein – (1) Palm Size Portion

Vegetables – (2) Fist Size Portions

Healthy Fat – (1) Thumb Size Portion

Optional:

Whole Grains / Fruit – (1) Fist Size Portion

## **OBJECTIVE:**

To eat healthy, whole foods, without sugar, at regular intervals to keep your blood sugar stable and maximize your metabolic benefit!

## You must choose a Meal Plan BEFORE beginning the game You have TWO options!

## **Meal Plan A:**

**Recommended for: Maintenance / Minimal Weight Loss** 

3 Fully Sanctioned Meals per day + 2 'mini meals' Mini meals = one full meal / cut in half / eat twice! Must be eaten at regular intervals – every 3 hours No Snacking – EXCEPT: celery or cucumbers No Salt or dip with your snack!

## **Meal Plan B:**

Recommended for: Substantial Weight Loss (20+ lbs)

5 Fully Sanctioned Meals per day Must be eaten at regular intervals – every 3-4 hours No Snacking – EXCEPT: celery or cucumbers No Salt or dip with your snack!



## Lean Protein

## Palm size portion per meal

## Meats (lean)

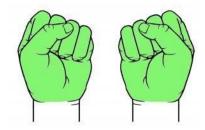
- Beef Ground
- Steak Flank
- Steak Top Round
- Steak Top Sirloin
- Steak Tenderloin
- Buffalo
- Pork Tenderloin
- Lamb
- Ground Lamb
- Chicken Breast
- Chicken Ground
- Turkey Bacon
- Turkey Ground
- Turkey Breast
- Venison
- Wild Game Meat

## Fish & Seafood

- Anchovy
- Catfish
- Cod
- Flounder
- Halibut
- Mahi Mahi
- Perch
- Salmon
- Sardine
- Snapper
- Sole
- Swordfish
- Tilapia
- Trout
- Tuna
- Shrimp
- Lobster
- Crab
- Scallops
- Oysters

## **Dairy (Low-fat)**

- Cottage
- Cream
- Feta
- Mozzarella
- Ricotta
- Swiss
- Goat
- Yogurt
- Egg Whites



## Vegetables

2 cups w/ 2-3 meals each day

## **Vegetables**

- Artichoke
- Asparagus
- Beets
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrot
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Chard (Swiss)
- Collards
- Cucumber
- Eggplant

## **Vegetables**

- Endive
- Escarole
- Fennel
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Mushroom
- Okra
- Onion
- Peas
- Peas (snow)
- Peppers (sweet)
- Pumpkin

## **Vegetables**

- Radish
- Radicchio
- Spinach
- Squash
- Tomatillo
- Zucchini
- Watercress

All vegetables are unlimited at each meal!

Celery & Cucumbers only for in between meal snacks no salt or dip for those snacks, please!



## Fruits & Grains

Fruit - Fist size portion per meal (optional) Grains - 1/4 - 1/2 cup per meal (optional)

### **Fruit**

- Apple
- Apricot
- Blackberry
- Blueberry
- Cherry
- Clementine
- Cranberry
- Currant
- Date
- Fig
- Grape
- Grapefruit
- Kiwi
- Lemon
- Lime
- Lychee
- Mandarin
- Mango
- Melon
- Nectarine
- Orange
- Papaya

### **More Fruit**

- Peach
- Pear
- Pineapple
- Plum
- Raspberry
- Rhubarb
- Strawberry
- Tangerine
- Tomato
- Watermelon

## Grains (optional)

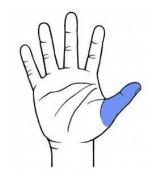
1/4 - 1/2 cup per meal

- Amaranth
- Barley
- Bran (WG)
- Bread (WG)
- Buckwheat
- Bulgar
- Millet
- Oatmeal

### **Grains & Beans**

- Pasta (WG)
- Potato –baked
- Potato sweet
- Quinoa
- Rice brown & wild
- Rye
- Tortilla (WG)
- Beans
  - o Adzuki
  - o Black
  - o Black-eye
  - o Broado Butter
  - o Fava
  - o Garbanzo
  - o Kidney
  - o Lentils
  - o Lima
  - o Mung
  - o Navy
  - o Pinto
  - o White

(WG) = Whole Grain



## Healthy Fats

### Thumb size portion per meal

#### **Fats & Condiments**

- Avocado
- Egg Yolk
- Olives
- Nut Butters
  - o Almond
  - o Cashew
  - o Peanut
  - o Sesame
  - o Sunflower

## **Approved Condiments**

- Mustard
- Salsas
- Sriracha
- Vinegars

### **Nuts & Seafood**

- Nuts (Dried / Raw)
  - o Almonds
  - o Cashews
  - o Peanut
  - o Pecan
  - o Pine Nuts
  - o Pistachio
  - o Walnuts
- Seeds (dried)
  - o Flax
  - o Pumpkin
  - o Sesame
  - o Sunflower

#### Oils & Sweeteners

- Oils
  - o Fish oils
  - o Flaxseed oil
  - o Nut oils
  - o Oil Spray
  - o Olive oil
  - o Udo Oil
  - o Vegetable
  - o Coconut

## **Approved Sweeteners**

- Agave Nectar
- Honey
- Pure Maple Syrup
- Xylitol

## DAILY SCORECARD

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Research has proven that those who utilize food diaries, exercise logs and journals experience far greater results.

**NOTE:** A minimum of 30 mins exercise daily (it can be made up of three different activities such a 10 mins walking, 10 mins mowing the lawn and 10 mins alligator wrestling). Experts agree that the total of vigorous activity for the week needs to be in excess of 180 mins for best results, get moving, get fit and have fun!!



