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Cooking for Scouts and Scouters

Gourmet Backpacker Menus

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These recipes were put together as a result of wanting to eat well during 8 day hikes in High Sierras of California, generally between Mt. Whitney and Yosemite Valley (not all in days!!!). These recipes are what we actually took on various hikes, but are primarily geared toward adults or older youths (people who like green stuff and strange tastes).

Menu

Italian	Oriental	All American
Fettuccine With White Clam Sauce Minestrone Soup Green Vegetable Punch Cake	Won Ton Soup Beef Chop Suey Steamed Rice Punch Almond Cookies	Onion Soup Steak Home Fries Green Vegetable Apple Pie
Mexican Fiesta	New England Dinner	
Vegetable Soup Refried Beans Tortillas Spanish Rice Sweet Corn Cake Punch	Potato Soup Corned Beef and Cabbage New Potatoes Carrots Cherry Pie	

Recipes

Italian

- Fettuccine With White Clam Sauce**
- Minestrone Soup**
- Green Vegetable**

Punch Cake

This menu is good for either a weekend outing or as a special meal on a long trek. Serv two.

Ingredients:

**6 oz. can of Minced Clams
9 oz. pkg. Contadina Fresh Fettuccine or 6 oz. dried pasta
1/4 cup parmesan cheese
2 tsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup powdered milk
2 Tblsp. Margarine
1 pkg. Knorr Minestrone Soup
Fresh Broccoli or Freeze-Dried Green Beans
Crystal-Lite Drink Mix
Mrs. Whites Muffin Mix**

Fix soup according to package directions. Put broccoli into 1 inch water, cover and boi 5 minutes, set aside. For long-term treks, fix the green beans according to package directions. Put pasta in large pot of boiling water, simmer for about 5 minutes, cover ar set aside. Mix cornstarch, milk, and 1/4 cup water in pot and heat, stirring constantly, u thick. Add butter, clams and juice from can, plus small amount of additional water if sa is too thick; stir until hot. Serve pasta with sauce poured on top. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top of pasta sauce and broccoli. Put muffin mix into Silverstone frying pan, ; water, stir, cover with another upside-down frying pan and put on low heat for 10 minut Hold both pans together, flip, and cook other side for 10 minutes. Check for doneness | inserting a fork into cake; if done, the fork comes out clean; if not, cook a little longer. Remember to pack out can and other trash.

Mexican Fiesta

**Vegetable Soup
Refried Beans
Tortillas
Spanish Rice
Sweet Corn Cake
Punch**

This meal is good for a weekend and is especially good on a long trek. Serves two.

Ingredients:

**1 pkg. Knorr Vegetable Soup
Freeze-dried Refried Beans
Corn Tortillas
1 pkg. Lipton Spanish Rice Mix**

1/2 can Marie Calendar's Corn Bread Mix

1/4 cup sugar

Crystal-Lite Drink Mix

1/4 lb. cheddar cheese

Several packages of taco sauce from a fast-food restaurant or dried red pepper flakes

Dried onion flakes or several green onions

Optional: For a weekend hike, bring along some frozen hamburger, crumble and fry for burritos or tacos. On a long-term trek, if you can catch some fish, add cooked fish to m fish tacos.

Fix soup according to package directions; add "some" red pepper flakes to spice up th soup and give it a Mexican flavor. Fix some freeze-dried refried beans according to package directions (get these at Smart and Final). Heat tortillas one at a time in the bot of a frying pan over high heat. Cut up the cheese into very small chunks so it looks gra On a long-term trek, add the onion flakes and some more red pepper flakes to the bean put some beans and cheese into a tortilla and eat. On a weekend, cut up the green onic put beans, cheese, and onions into tortilla, add taco sauce, and eat. For sweet corn cal make the corn bread according to directions, adding the sugar before baking. Pour the batter into a Silverstone frying pan, cover with another upside-down frying pan, and pu over low heat for 10 minutes. Hold both pans together, flip, and cook other side for 10 minutes. Check for doneness by inserting a fork into cake; if done, the fork comes out clean; if not, cook a little longer.

Oriental

Won Ton Soup

Beef Chop Suey

Steamed Rice

Punch

Almond Cookies

This menu is for a weekend outing. Serves two.

Ingredients:

Won Ton Cup-A-Soup Mix

8 oz. steak, frozen, or 8 oz. hamburger meat, frozen

2 cloves garlic (or 1 tsp. garlic powder)

2 oz. olive or peanut oil or 2 Tblsp. margarine

1 pkg. chop suey vegetable mix (fresh produce section of grocery store)

1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes

1 cup regular long-grain rice

1 beef bouillon cube

Crystal-Lite Drink Mix

Several packages of soy sauce from Chinese take-out restaurant

Almond cookies

Cut steak up into small pieces at home and freeze. Fix soup according to package

directions. Put 2 cups water and 1 cup rice into pot, heat to a boil, reduce heat and sim for 10 minutes covered. Remove from heat and set aside. Heat oil or butter in Silverston frying pan, add meat and sauté until done. Add package of chop suey mix and cook for about 4 or 5 minutes. Add red pepper flakes according to how much you prefer Szechw style. Serve with the rice. Season with soy sauce as desired.

New England Dinner

Potato Soup

Corned Beef and Cabbage

New Potatoes

Carrots

Cherry Pie

This menu is for a weekend backpack trip. Serves two.

Ingredients:

1 Cup Instant Mashed Potato Mix

2 Chicken Bouillon Cubes

Onion flakes or several green onions

1/2 cup dried milk

1 Can corned beef

1/2 head green cabbage

2 medium red potatoes

2 medium carrots

4 Tblsp margarine

2 individual cherry pies (bread and sweet roll section at Von's)

Heat 4 cups water to boil. Add bouillon and dried milk, reduce heat to simmer. Add in instant mashed potatoes slowly, stirring constantly. Add onion flakes or finely chopped green onion and simmer over low heat for 3 or 4 minutes. In large pot, put quartered potatoes, cut up peeled carrots, and cabbage cut into 4 pieces, along with about 1 inch water. Heat to boiling, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes and carrots are done (about 30 minutes). After vegetables are done, cut corned beef into chunks, put in pot on top of vegetables and heat another 5 minutes. Make sure pot doesn't run out of water. Serve, putting margarine on top of potatoes.

All American

Onion Soup

Steak

Home Fries

Green Vegetable

Apple Pie

This menu is great for a weekend backpack trip. Serves two.

Ingredients:

1 pkg. Lipton French Onion Soup Mix
16 oz Sirloin steak, frozen
2 medium potatoes
1 small yellow onion
4 oz. olive oil
Frozen Julienne Green Beans
2 Individual Apple Pies (bread and sweet roll section at Von's)

Fix onion soup according to package directions. Quarter potatoes and onion, then cut into thin slices. Heat half of oil in Silverstone frying pan and add potatoes and onion, sauté about 20 minutes, or until done. Cover and set aside. In a small pot, put 1/2 cup water and the green beans. Heat to boiling and simmer for 5 minutes. Cover and set aside. Heat remainder of oil in Silverstone frying pan, add steak, sauté until done enough. Options: Take along small plastic container of A1 Sauce, Worcestershire Sauce, or whatever else you like. You can also add a little cut up bell pepper to the home fries.

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