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#### **Mini Pizzas**

45 min/30 min prep/serves 20 (20 mini pizzas)

10 English muffins

2 (15 ounce) cans pizza sauce

1 (16 ounce) package Mozzarella cheese

2 pounds hamburger browned

2 green peppers, diced

2 onions, diced

2 (10 ounce) cans black olives, sliced

2 (6 ounce) cans mushrooms, sliced

- 1. Break muffin in half.
- 2. Spread 1 to 1½ tablespoons tomato sauce on each muffin half.
- 3. Sprinkle toppings on sauce.
- 4. Top with hamburger and shredded cheese.
- 5. Bake at 400 degrees until cheese melts.

Per serving **calories 250: Total Fat** 11.7g (Saturated Fat 5.3g), **Cholesterol** 48mg, **Sodium** 497mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 17.9g, Dietary Fiber 1.2g, Sugars 5.0g, **Protein** 17.8g

#### **Spaghetti with Meat Sauce**

30 min/10 min prep/serves 6

13¼ ounces whole-wheat spaghetti 26 ounces spaghetti sauce (any kind you like) 1 pound lean ground beef

1 cup sliced mushrooms

1 green pepper, sliced

1 onion, sliced

½ cup Parmesan cheese

- 1. Brown ground beef and drain set aside.
- 2. In same pan sauté mushrooms, pepper and onion until firm.
- 3. Put sauce in pan, add veggies and ground beef.
- 4. While sauce is warming cook pasta per package directions.
- 5. Sauce is ready when hot.
- 6. Drain pasta, cover with sauce add Parmesan cheese.

Per serving calories 498: Total Fat 14.0g (Saturated Fat 5.1g), Cholesterol 56mg, Sodium 809mg, Total Carbohydrate 65.4g, Dietary Fiber 1.2g, Sugars 13.1g, Protein 30.8g

#### **Chili**

2½ hours/20 min prep/serves 8

2 pounds ground beef

1 large onion chopped

2 garlic cloves minced

2 (15 ounce) cans tomato sauce

1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste

1 (15 ounce) can tomatoes

2 teaspoons chili powder

1-teaspoon oregano

½ teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, optional

1 (28 ounce) can chili beans

- 1. Sauté meat, onions and garlic until
- 2. Add remaining ingredients simmer for 2-hours.

Per serving **calories 466**: **Total Fat** 18.2g (Saturated Fat 6.9g), **Cholesterol** 77mg, **Sodium** 1349mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 44.8g, Dietary Fiber 9.2g, Sugars 9.5g, **Protein** 33.3g

#### Yummy Fruit Pizza

1 package English muffins

1 (8 ounce) carton Philadelphia cream cheese

2 kiwis

1 banana

5 strawberries

- 1. Cut English muffins in half and toast.
- 2. Spread muffin halves with softened cream cheese.
- 3. Slice all fruits as thick as you like.
- 4. Drop randomly or you can decorate with your toppings.
- 5. Chill or serve immediately.

Per serving **calories 312: Total Fat** 14.8g (Saturated Fat 6.2g), **Cholesterol** 32mg, **Sodium** 221mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 43.0g, Dietary Fiber 1.0g, Sugars 25.7g, **Protein** 3.4g

#### **Tator Tot Casserole**

1 ½ hours/20 min prep/serves 8-10

2 pounds ground beef ½ cup diced onions 2 (10 ¾ ounce) cans cream of chicken soup or cream of celery(low sodium soup) ½ cup milk

1 (16 ounce) can mixed vegetables or French style green beans, drained 1 (16 ounce) can corn, drained 16 ounces frozen tater tots

11/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. Brown ground beef, onion, and salt drain well.
- 2. Spread beef in bottom of 9x13 inch pan.
- 3. Layer soup, milk, vegetables and cheese.
- 4. Top with tater tots.
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees for 1-hour.

Per serving **calories 643**: **Total Fat** 37.9g (Saturated Fat 15.3g), **Cholesterol** 106mg, **Sodium** 1147mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 44.2g, Dietary Fiber 4.8g, Sugars 4.1g, **Protein** 33.5g

#### **Tiger Snacks**

20 min/20 min prep/serves 10

½ cup creamy peanut butter ½ cup sunflower seeds ½ cup instant milk 2 teaspoons honey

1/4 cup raisins, chopped 1/4 cup dates, chopped

- 1. Blend together peanut butter and sunflower seeds.
- 2. Stir in rest of ingredients.
- 3. If mixture is too dry add a little milk.
- 4. Shape into balls, could roll in crushed cereal or graham cracker crumbs.

Per serving **calories 189: Total Fat** 13.0g (Saturated Fat 2.9g), **Cholesterol** 6mg, **Sodium** 83mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 14.1g, Dietary Fiber 2.3g, Sugars 10.0g, **Protein** 7.3g

#### **Sloppy Joes**

1½ hours/20 min prep/serves 6-8

1½ pounds ground round ¾ cup ketchup 2 tablespoons sugar 2 tablespoons mustard 2 tablespoons vinegar 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce 1 small onion

- 1. Cook meat slowly in skillet with salt and onion, drain (not much to drain if you use ground round).
- 2. Meanwhile, make sauce by mixing together all other ingredients cooking slowly over low heat for 15 minutes.
- 3. Add meat and sauce together letting simmer for at least an hour stirring from time to time to let meat absorb the sauce.
- 4. Serve on toasted hamburger buns.

Per serving **calories 346**: **Total Fat** 23.0g (Saturated Fat 8.7g), **Cholesterol** 80mg, **Sodium** 619mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 14.4g, Dietary Fiber 0.4g, Sugars 12.2g, **Protein** 20.3g

#### Veggie Dill Dip

10 min/10 min prep/serves 12

8 ounces sour cream 8 ounces mayonnaise (not Miracle Whip)

- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 2 teaspoons parsley
- 2 teaspoons dill
- 2 teaspoons onion flakes
  - 1. Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate for at least ½ hour.
  - 2. Serve cold with cut up veggies.

Per serving calories 117: Total Fat 10.5g (Saturated Fat 3.5g), Cholesterol 13mg, Sodium 145mg, Total Carbohydrate 5.6g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Sugars 1.3g, Protein 0.8g

#### Camper's Meal

13/4 hours/45 min prep/serves 16

- 2 pounds lean hamburger
- 2 onions sliced
- 2 pounds potatoes peeled and sliced
- 2 pounds carrots peeled and sliced
- 2 green peppers chopped
- 2 (8 ounce) cans mushrooms sliced
  - 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
  - 2. Tear off foil for each of the 16-packets you are making.
  - 3. Make 16-hamburger patties and place one on each large piece of foil.
  - 4. Top with vegetables.
  - 5. Seal foil up and bake for 1-hour.

Per serving **calories 190**: **Total Fat** 6.8g (Saturated Fat 2.5g), **Cholesterol** 38mg, **Sodium** 82mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 18.4g, Dietary Fiber 3.6g, Sugars 4.4g, **Protein** 14.5g

#### **Frozen Fruit Mold**

20 min/20 min prep/serves 4

½ cup fresh strawberries ½ cup pineapple chunks 1-cup fruit cocktail drained 8 ounces unflavored yogurt

- 1. Combine all fruits with yogurt and freeze in paper cups or in a loaf pan.
- 2. If frozen in a paper cup add a stick or eat as a frozen dessert.

Per serving calories 84: Total Fat 2.0g (Saturated Fat 1.2g), Cholesterol 7mg, Sodium 30mg, Total Carbohydrate 15.5g, Dietary Fiber 1.2g, Sugars 13.7g, Protein 2.5g

#### Meatloaf

1½ hours/20 min prep/serves 4-5

1½ pounds ground beef (ground shoulder roast is good)

1 slice bread broken or chopped finely

1 whole fresh egg

1 small Vidalia onions or type sweet onion finely chopped

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

4 tablespoons ketchup

½-<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup sweet milk or half and half

- 1. Combine meat loaf ingredients and place into a loaf-baking dish.
- 2. Smooth out top.

Sauce (optional)

4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

2-4 tablespoons dark brown sugar, packed firm (to taste)

½ cup ketchup

- 1. Combine sauce ingredients and pour on top and sides of meatloaf.
- 2. Bake at 350 degrees about 1-hour to 1-hour 15-minutes or until done.
- 3. Enjoy.
- 4. The addition of 1 or 2 teaspoons of Kitchen Bouquet makes this recipe very good.

- 5. Recipe should be "plump" from the addition of the milk or half and half it should not be runny.
- 6. A second batch of sauce served hot is good to serve with the meatloaf.

Per serving calories 490: Total Fat 28.0g (Saturated Fat 11.0g), Cholesterol 165mg, Sodium 1265mg, Total Carbohydrate 23.0g, Dietary Fiber 0.4g, Sugars 18.9g, Protein 35.3g

#### Fruit Kabobs

30 min/30 min prep/serves 6 (6 skewers)

1 apple

1 banana

1 kiwi

1-pound pineapple

- 1. Help your child cut fruit into bite-sized chunks, slices or shapes.
- 2. To make 1-kabob carefully push a skewer through the fruits, alternating colors.
- 3. Make as many as you wish.

Per serving calories 73: Total Fat 0.3g (Saturated Fat 0g), Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 1mg, Total Carbohydrate 19.1g, Dietary Fiber 2.5g, Sugars 12.9g, Protein 0.8g

#### **Tacos**

20 min/5 min prep/serves 8

1-pound hamburger
1-tablespoon taco seasoning
1-cup lettuce
½ cup cheddar cheese
½ tomato
¼ onion
8 taco shells

- 1. Brown meat, add taco seasoning and ½-cup water and stir well.
- 2. Bring mixture to a boil then reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes.
- 3. Stir occasionally; slice tomatoes, chop onion and grate lettuce and cheese.
- 4. Assemble tacos.

Per serving **calories 202: Total Fat** 11.8g (Saturated Fat 4.4g), **Cholesterol** 45mg, **Sodium** 132mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 9.2g, Dietary Fiber 1.2g, Sugars 0.5g, **Protein** 14.6g

#### **Green Eggs and Ham**

15 min/5 min prep/serves 4

1-tablespoon butter or margarine

1-teaspoon butter or margarine

4 slices ham

8 eggs

2-tablespoon milk

1-2 drops green food coloring

1/4 teaspoon pepper

- 1. Melt 1-teaspoon of butter or margarine in a pan over medium heat.
- 2. Add ham, brown until slightly crisp.
- 3. Remove ham from pan onto a plate and tent with foil to keep warm.
- 4. Beat eggs and milk with a whisk until frothy, add food coloring to your liking.
- 5. Heat 1-tablespoon of butter or margarine over medium heat.
- 6. Add egg mixture to the pan stir with a spatula until eggs are firm not runny.
- 7. Transfer to a plate and serve with ham and buttered toast.

Per serving calories 241: Total Fat 18.4g (Saturated Fat 7.2g), Cholesterol 448mg, Sodium 577mg, Total Carbohydrate 1.6g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Sugars 0.8g, Protein 16.3g

#### **Special Strawberry Shake**

10 min/10 min prep/serves 2

1/2 cup skim milk 1-tablespoon wheat germ (optional) 1-teaspoon honey 1/2 cup fresh strawberries, unsweetened

- 1. Put all ingredients in blender.
- 2. Run at high speed for 1-minute.
- 3. Pour into glasses.

Per serving **calories 61: Total Fat** 2.3g (Saturated Fat 1.4g), **Cholesterol** 8mg, **Sodium** 30mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 8.5g, Dietary Fiber 0.7g, Sugars 4.5g, **Protein** 2.3g

# Chicken Enchiladas

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours/45 min prep/serves 6

1-pound chicken, cooked and diced <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup onions diced <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup cheddar cheese, shredded 1-garlic clove finely chopped 1-tablespoon vegetable oil 1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup water 2 teaspoons chili powder 6 flour tortillas

- 1. Mix the chicken, onion and ½ cup cheese in a medium bowl set aside.
- 2. Cook the garlic in oil in a large skillet.
- 3. Stir in the tomato sauce, water and chili powder heat thoroughly.
- 4. Add the chicken mixture cook for 5-minutes.
- 5. Place the enchiladas seam side down in 8x10 inch baking dish.
- 6. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.
- 7. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30-minutes or until the cheese is melted and lightly browned.

Per serving calories 404: Total Fat 18.1g (Saturated Fat 5.6g), Cholesterol 44mg, Sodium 919mg, Total Carbohydrate 42.6g, Dietary Fiber 3.6g, Sugars 4.8g, Protein 17.8g

#### **Chicken Soup with Rice**

11/4 hours/45 min prep/serves 24

4 pounds chicken, diced (rotisserie-cooked)

1-cup rice uncooked

1-pound carrots sliced

1-pound celery diced

2 onions diced

6 quarts chicken broth, commercial

- 1. In a large pot heat 6-quarts of chicken broth to boiling.
- 2. Add vegetables, chicken and rice.
- 3. Boil approximately 20 minutes until the rice is cooked.
- 4. Serve.

Per serving calories 180: Total Fat 8.4g (Saturated Fat 2.4g), Cholesterol 34mg, Sodium 823mg, Total Carbohydrate 10.7g, Dietary Fiber 1.1g, Sugars 2.3g, Protein 14.3g

#### Frosty Fruit Dip

10 min/10 min prep/serves 8 1-cup yogurt 8 ounces cream cheese

1. Soften cream cheese.

- 2. Beat cheese and yogurt together.
- 3. Serve with fruit.

Per serving **calories 117**: **Total Fat** 10.9g (Saturated Fat 6.9g), **Cholesterol** 35mg, **Sodium** 98mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 2.2g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Sugars 1.5g, **Protein** 3.2g

#### **Turkey and Swiss Tortilla Wraps**

45 min/45 min prep/serves 8

1 cucumber peeled and sliced
6 ounces Swiss cheese sliced
½ pound smoked turkey, deli-sliced
1-cup lettuce shredded
1 tomato thinly sliced
8-floured tortillas
½ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon dill dried
1-garlic clove pressed

- 1. Peel cucumber cut in half lengthwise and remove seeds.
- 2. Cut each half into ½-inch slices.
- 3. Arrange 2-tortillas on flat surface overlapping edges to form a 12x8 inch surface.
- 4. Spread 1½ tablespoons dill aioli over tortillas.
- 5. Place 2-slices cheese on tortillas leaving 1-inch border on all sides.
- 6. Top with ¼ of the turkey, lettuce, cucumber and tomato.
- 7. Beginning at the short end of the overlapped tortillas roll the sandwich tightly jelly roll fashion.
- 8. Repeat procedure 3-times with remaining ingredients.
- 9. Wrap each tightly in plastic wrap chill 1-hour.
- 10. Cut each wrap in half.

Dill aioli: Combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, dill and garlic makes ½ cup.

Per serving **calories 270: Total Fat** 13.9g (Saturated Fat 5.3g), **Cholesterol** 35mg, **Sodium** 599mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 23.1g, Dietary Fiber 1.4g, Sugars 3.2g, **Protein** 13.8g

# **Fruit and Cheese Dessert Salad**

30 min/30 min prep/serves 8

8 ounces sugar free vanilla pudding mix, cook-n-serve

15 ounces pineapple chunks packed in juice drain and reserve juice 1/4 cup orange juice unsweetened 2 cups apples diced 2 cups bananas diced 2 cups strawberries unsweetened, sliced

3 ounces Mozzarella cheese shredded

- 1. Wash and prepare fresh fruits try to choose in season fruits.
- In saucepan combine dry pudding, reserved liquid from pineapple and orange juice to make fruit glaze.
- Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until thickened about 1minute.
- 4. Cool.
- 5. Gently toss fruit glaze with pineapple chunks and fresh fruit chunks.
- 6. Cover and chill until ready to serve.
- 7. Top each 1-cup serving with 2-tablespoons cheese.

Per serving **calories 138: Total Fat** 2.7g (Saturated Fat 1.5g), **Cholesterol** 8mg, **Sodium** 121mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 27.4g, Dietary Fiber 2.9g, Sugars 18.0g, **Protein** 3.4g

#### **Cheeseburger and Fries Casserole**

45 min/45 min prep/serves 8

2 pounds lean ground beef
½ medium onion, chopped fine
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon garlic powder
10 ounces condensed golden mushroom soup
10 ounces cheddar cheese soup
16 ounces frozen French fries (crinkle cut)
2 cups cheddar cheese shredded

- 1. Brown ground beef and onion together in skillet, drain grease. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder.
- 2. Stir in the soups and heat through.
- 3. Pour mixture into a 9x13 baking dish top with French fries.
- 4. Bake 20-25 minutes at 375 degrees until fries are golden brown.
- 5. Top with cheese and return to oven for 5-10 minutes until cheese is melted.

Per serving calories 470: Total Fat 27.5g (Saturated Fat 13.5g), Cholesterol 113mg, Sodium 1152mg, Total Carbohydrate 21.1g, Dietary Fiber 1.6g, Sugars 1.7g, Protein 33.6g

#### **Creamy Fruit Dip**

10 min/10 min prep/serves 20

8 ounces cream cheese
3 tablespoons orange juice concentrate
7 ounces marshmallow crème

- 1. In a mixing bowl beat cream cheese and concentrate until smooth.
- 2. Fold in marshmallow crème.
- 3. Serve with fruit.
- 4. Store in refrigerator.

Per serving **calories 77: Total Fat** 4.0g (Saturated Fat 2.5g), **Cholesterol** 12mg, **Sodium** 42mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 9.6g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Sugars 5.9g, **Protein** 1.0g

#### **Mexican Pizza**

30 min/15 min prep/serves 8 (4 pizzas)

2 pounds lean ground beef, cooked
4 flour tortillas (12 inches each)
16 ounces fat free refried beans
1-cup salsa
2 plum tomatoes diced
4 ounces green chilies drained and chopped
½ cup green peppers chopped
¼ cup onions chopped
2¼ ounces ripe olives drained and sliced
1 cup reduced fat cheddar cheese shredded

- 1. Place tortillas on 2-ungreased baking sheets spread with beans and meat.
- 2. Layer with salsa, tomatoes, chilies, green pepper, onion, olives and cheese.
- 3. Bake pizzas at 350 degrees for 10-minutes or until the cheese is melted.

Per serving **calories 431: Total Fat** 24.6g (Saturated Fat 10.3g), **Cholesterol** 96mg, **Sodium** 697mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 22.1g, Dietary Fiber 4.9g, Sugars 3.1g, **Protein** 30.1g

# Tuna, Cheese and Noodle Casserole

 $1\frac{1}{4}$  hours/15 min prep/serves 4

2 cups cooked elbow macaroni
8 ounces low fat Velveeta cheese melted
2 (6 ounce) cans tuna in water drained
10¾ ounces condensed cream of mushroom soup
1-cup milk
2 eggs beaten
1/3 cup chopped green olives
1-teaspoon powdered garlic
1/4 teaspoon ground mustard

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a greased ovenproof casserole dish.
- 2. Bake covered in 350 degree oven for 35-minutes.
- 3. Uncover, bake additional 15-minutes.

Per serving calories 620: Total Fat 25g (Saturated Fat 12.1g), Cholesterol 196mg, Sodium 1735mg, Total Carbohydrate 52.9g, Dietary Fiber 1.7g, Sugars 6.8g, Protein 43.5g

#### Snoopy Salad

15 min/15 min prep/serves 8 (8 salads)

16-ounce pears in syrup
11 ounces mandarin oranges
½ pound prunes
1½ ounces raisin
6 ounces maraschino cherries

- 1. On a plate arrange the pear half with pit side down as the face.
- 2. Take 2-prunes for the ears.
- 3. 1-mandarin orange is the dog's collar.
- 4. Use 2-raisins for the eyes and 1-maraschino cherry for the nose.

Per serving calories 173: Total Fat 0.4g (Saturated Fat 0.1g), Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 3mg, Total Carbohydrate 45.5g, Dietary Fiber 5.4g, Sugars 32.1g, Protein 1.4g

#### **Egg Salad Sandwich Spread**

13 min/5 min prep/serves 4

4 hard-boiled eggs chopped
2-3 tablespoons Hellmans mayonnaise
(according to taste)
1-2 stalk celery chopped
2 green onions chopped
1 shredded carrot
salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Mix all ingredients together and spread on lightly toasted bread (rye bread).
- 2. Enjoy.
- 3. Mixture can be kept in the refrigerator for up to 2-days.

Per serving calories 116: Total Fat 7.8g (Saturated Fat 2.0g), Cholesterol 213mg, Sodium 133mg, Total Carbohydrate 4.6g, Dietary Fiber 0.8g, Sugars 2.1g, Protein 6.7g

#### **Homemade Vegetable Soup**

2 hours/30 min prep/serves 16

46 ounces tomato juice plain

16 ounces beef broth

4 carrots peeled and sliced

4 potatoes peeled and sliced

½ teaspoon powdered garlic

½ teaspoon pepper (optional)

10 ounces corn drained

10 ounces green beans

1 head cabbage shredded (optional)

- 1. Combine tomato juice and beef broth bring to boil.
- 2. Add carrots and potatoes after slicing.
- 3. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Let boil then simmer for 1-hour.

Per serving calories 91: Total Fat 0.7g

(Saturated Fat 0.1g), **Cholesterol** 0mg, **Sodium** 462mg,

Total Carbohydrate 20.0g, Dietary Fiber 3.0g,

Sugars 4.9g, **Protein** 3.<u>5g</u>

#### **Smiling Bug**

15 min/15 min prep/serves 1 (1-bug salad)

½ peach

1 lettuce leaves

2 raisins

1 maraschino cherry

1 carrot

1 celery rib

- 1. Put a peach half on a lettuce lined plate.
- 2. Use 2-raisins for eyes.
- 3. Cut maraschino cherry in half and use for mouth.
- 4. Slice the celery rib thinly to use 2-strips for antennae.
- 5. Use a vegetable peeler and make carrot curls to use for bug legs.

Per serving **calories 64: Total Fat** 0.4g (Saturated Fat 0.1g), **Cholesterol** 0mg, **Sodium** 81mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 15.3g, Dietary Fiber 3.6g, Sugars 10.4g, **Protein** 1.7g

#### **Boston Market Macaroni and Cheese**

30 min/10 min prep/serves 6

3 cups spiral shaped pasta <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup milk 1-pound Velveeta cheese cubed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoons dry mustard <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon ground turmeric

salt and pepper

While pasta is cooking put remaining ingredients in top of double boiler over simmering water.

- 3. Stir with wire whisk until smooth.
- 4. Keep cheese mixture warm until pasta is cooked and drained.
- 5. Stir pasta into cheese.

1. Cook pasta drain well.

Per serving calories 400: Total Fat 18.1g (Saturated Fat 11.5g), Cholesterol 63mg, Sodium 1134mg, Total Carbohydrate 40.1g, Dietary Fiber 1.4g, Sugars 6.8g, Protein 18.6g

# **Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese**

50 min/serves 8

2 cups small curd cottage cheese

1-cup sour cream

1 egg lightly beaten

½ teaspoon garlic, and pepper

2 cups sharp cheddar cheese shredded

1 (7 ounce) package elbow macaroni cooked and drained

paprika (optional)

buttered breadcrumbs

- 1. In a large bowl combine the cottage cheese, sour cream, egg, salt, garlic salt and pepper.
- 2. Add cheddar cheese mix well.
- 3. Add macaroni and stir until coated.
- 4. Transfer to a greased 2½-quart dish.
- 5. Top with breadcrumbs.
- 6. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until heated through.
- 7. Sprinkle with paprika if desired.

Per serving calories 340: Total Fat 18.9g (Saturated Fat 11.6g), Cholesterol 77mg, Sodium 646mg, Total Carbohydrate 22.9g, Dietary Fiber 0.9g, Sugars 0.9g, Protein 19.2g

# Ants on a Log

30 min/30 min prep/serves 18

2 fresh bunches celery 1 (15 ounce) jar peanut butter 2 cups raisins

- 1. Wash and slice celery into 3-inch strips.
- 2. Wash and drain raisins.
- 3. On each plate put 1-2 tablespoons peanut butter.

4. Child can stuff celery stalk with peanut butter and put raisins on for ants.

Per serving **calories 187: Total Fat** 12.0g (Saturated Fat 2.4g), **Cholesterol** 0mg, **Sodium** 113mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 17.5g, Dietary Fiber 2.1g, Sugars 11.8g, **Protein** 6.5g

#### **Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches**

15 min/15 min prep/serves 4 (4 sandwiches)

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter1/4 cup strawberry jam8 slices whole wheat bread

- 1. Place 4-slices of bread on cutting board.
- 2. Spread 4-slices of bread with peanut butter.
- 3. Spread jam/jelly on other 4-slices of bread and stack one slice each on one slice each of peanut butter bread.
- 4. Cut each sandwich in half.
- 5. Serve.

Per serving **calories 309: Total Fat** 10.5g (Saturated Fat 2.2g), **Cholesterol** 0mg, **Sodium** 377mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 47.9g, Dietary Fiber 5.1g, Sugars 17.9g, **Protein** 9.6g

#### **Easy Deviled Eggs**

15 min/15 min prep/serves 3 (6 deviled eggs)

3 large eggs hard cooked 2 tablespoons mayonnaise ½ teaspoon prepared mustard 1 dash pepper

- 1. Cut eggs lengthwise into halves.
- 2. Slip out yolks and mash well with a fork.
- 3. Mix in remaining ingredients.
- 4. Fill whites with yolk mixture heaping it up lightly.

Per serving **calories 112: Total Fat** 8.3g (Saturated Fat 2.0g), **Cholesterol** 214mg, **Sodium** 149mg, **Total Carbohydrate** 2.8g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Sugars 1.0g, **Protein** 6.4g

#### **Chicken Salad**

15 min/15 min prep/serves 4

13 ounces chicken, canned 1 cup green grapes, seedless and diced 34 cup celery diced 1/2 cup mayonnaise 1/2 teaspoon pepper

- 1. Dice grapes.
- 2. In a large bowl combine mayonnaise, salt, pepper and remaining ingredients.
- 3. Mix well.
- 4. Chill.

Per serving calories 266: Total Fat 18.4 g; (Saturated Fat 3.9g); Cholesterol 49 mg; Sodium 845 mg. Sugars 8.4 g. Protein 11.1 g.

#### Trail Mix

20 min/20 min prep/serves 8

4 cups toasted oat cereal

2 cups raisins

4 cups goldfish crackers

- 1. In a bowl combine all ingredients.
- 2. Not for beginner eaters because of potential choking hazards.

Per serving calories 319; Total Fat 8.9 g. (Saturated Fat 3.1 g). Cholesterol 4 mg, Sodium 419 mg, Total Carbohydrate 57.8 g. Dietary Fiber 3.9 g, Sugars 22.1 g, Protein 6.0g.

In recipes with a higher sodium/salt content you can –

- 1. not add additional salt
- 2. make your own cream soup rather using a commercial soup or use one that is low sodium
- use fresh or frozen vegetables when possible as canned will be higher in sodium.