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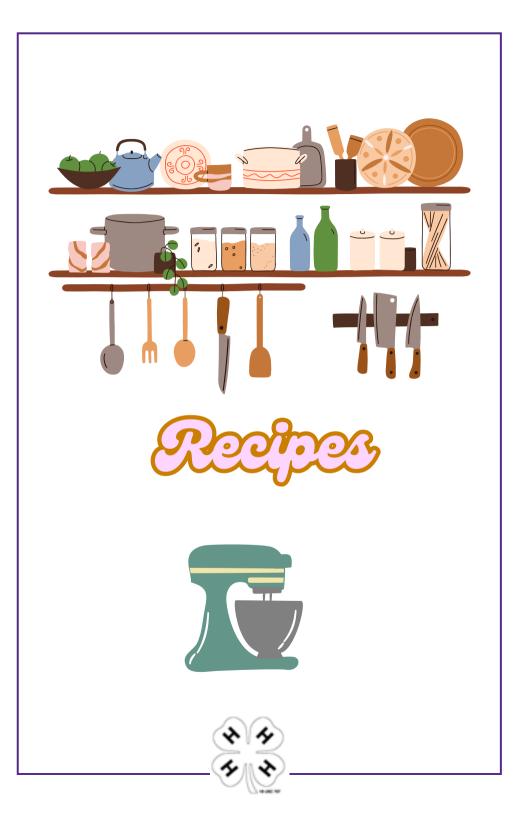


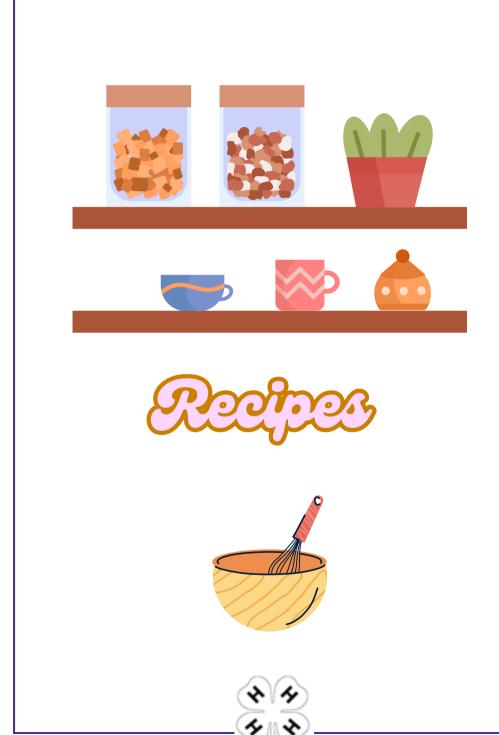
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2025
4-H FAVORITE FOODS
SHOW
Midway Extension District



January 19, 2025 2:00 PM Russell County 4-H Building





Before Starting a Recipe

- Read the recipe twice so you understand all the steps. If you have questions, ask an adult.
- The recipe in a cookbook will tell you:
 - a. The name of the recipe.
 - b. How much the recipe will make—how many servings and how big each serving should be (Serving Size).
 - c. How long it will take you to make the recipe (Time).
 - d. What foods you need to make the recipe (What You Need). Some ingredients are optional that means you can choose if you want to add them.
 - e. The steps to follow to make the recipe.
- Gather all kitchen tools (like measuring spoons and cups) needed for the recipe.
- Check that you have all the ingredients before you start. Put all the ingredients in one place, so they are easy to grab while cooking.
- Some ingredients in the list may tell you things you need to do before you
 even get to the directions. You may need to peel, grate, or cut foods or
 thaw frozen foods.
 - Peeling: Hold the fruit or vegetable tightly in one hand. Use the peeler in the other hand to peel off the skin. Always move the peeler away from you. Make sure to avoid your fingers with the sharp blade.
 - Grating: Place box grater on a plate or cutting board. Hold firmly with one hand, with the other hand, hold the item you are grating. Press it against the large holes on the grater and push from top to bottom. Keep your fingers away from the sharp holes.
 - Cutting: Use a cutting board every time you cut. Clean as you go. Put
 measuring spoons, cups, and other kitchen tools in the sink when you
 are done using them. Wash your hands, knives (carefully), and cutting
 boards between tasks.
 - Measuring: Choose the correct measuring cup or spoon. Cooking is a good way to learn more about fractions. You will need measuring cups and spoons to measure fractions. Fill the measuring cup or spoon right to the top but not over. Do not pack down the ingredient.

Playing it Safe While Cooking

- Always wash your hands with soap and hot water before you begin. Start with a clean work space.
- Clean countertops and kitchen tools are an important part of keeping food safe.
- Wash fruits and vegetables with water even if you will remove the peel.
- Rinse the tops of cans with water before you open them.
- When you are using a knife:
 - Be sure to have an adult working with you.
 - Always put the food you are cutting on a cutting board. It is best to have one cutting board for fruits and vegetables and another for ingredients like raw meat, poultry, and fish.
 - Choose a knife that feels comfortable in your hand. Hold the knife firmly by the handle. With the other hand, hold the item you want to cut. Keep your fingertips away from the blade. Make a "claw" with your hand to keep your fingertips curled under.
 - Cut straight down, not toward yourself or another person. To slice, cut in thin or thick pieces.
 - To chop, cut into squares. Try to make all the pieces close to the same size.
- Clean means safe.
- After touching meat, eggs, chicken, or fish, carefully wash the counter, your cooking tools, and your hands with soap and hot water.
- Always use clean, dry oven mitts whenever you use the oven.
- You may want to have an adult help you.
- When cooking on the stove: Be safe when cooking on the stove.
- Make sure pot handles are turned away from the front of the stove so they are
 not accidentally bumped or knocked off. When uncovering a pot on the stove or
 a container from the microwave, open the lid away from you to let the steam
 out.
- When using a blender, keep the lid on.
- Turn the blender off before putting any utensils inside the blender container.
- Keep foods at the right temperature.
- Hot foods need to stay hot, and cold foods need to stay cold. Cold foods such as milk, cheese, and eggs need to be refrigerated.
- Separate uncooked and cooked foods.
- Raw (uncooked) meat, poultry, and eggs can have harmful bacteria that is killed during cooking. Keep these foods away from uncooked foods like fruits and vegetables. Also, wash cutting boards, countertops, and knives that touch raw meats, fish, and eggs.



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Soup

Josey Norris - Elkhorn Senior (14+)

Cheeseburger Soup

Ingredients:

1 lb. ground beef 3 c. chicken broth

34 c. chopped onions 4 c. potatoes, peeled and diced

% c. diced celery12 oz. Velveeta1 tsp dried basil1 ½ c. milk1 tsp dried parsley¾ tsp salt

¼ tsp garlic powder ¾ tsp pepper

3 tbsp butter 2 tbsp cream cheese

Instructions:

- 1. Brown the ground beef in a large skillet over medium-high heat; remove cooked beef from pan, drain, and add to slow cooker.
- 2. Add onion, carrots, celery, basil, parsley flakes, broth, and potatoes into the slow cooker. Press garlic into crock.
- 3. Cook soup on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours, or until potatoes and veggies are tender.
- 4. About an hour before you intend to serve the cheeseburger soup, make a roux in a small skillet by melting 3 tablespoons butter. Add flour; cook and stir for 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add salt, pepper, milk, and cream cheese and mix well.
- 5. Add roux to soup. Add roux and cheese to the soup. Turn slow cooker to high and cook for an additional 30 minutes, stirring a few times until the cheese melts.
- 6. Serve with optional toppings immediately.



Snack

Taylor Cook - Sunflower Senior (14+)

Taylor's Deer Jerky

This jerky recipe is great for venison, but you can use any meat you like. Large, inexpensive beef roasts with as little fat and marbling as possible make great jerky.

Marinade Ingredients:

½ cup soy sauce

¼ cup Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (e.g. Tabasco), or to taste

½ teaspoon liquid smoke flavoring

½ cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon onion powder

½ teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

Stir together soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce, and liquid smoke in a bowl. Mix in sugar, garlic powder, onion powder, and pepper until combined

Mix 1 pound thinly sliced or ground meat with marinade in a bowl until well mixed or coated. Place meat and marinade into a resealable plastic bag, squeeze out the air, and seal well.

Marinate in the refrigerator for 24-48 hours, mixing twice if using sliced meat. Remove meat from bag and discard any excess marinade.

Preheat the oven to 170 degrees or as low as your oven will go.

Place a cooling rack on top of a baking sheet.

For thin strips, lay the strips across the cooling rack.

For ground meat, use a jerky gun and a jerky nozzle to squeeze long strips across the cooling rack

Dry in the oven for 90 minutes, flip over, and dry for approximately 90 more minutes.

Note: You can also dry the jerky according to the manufacturer's directions for your smoker or dehydrator.



Breakfast

Kashden Kasper - Wilson Winners Junior (7-9)

No-Bake Gratitude Granola

Ingredients:

3/4 cup creamy peanut butter1/2 cup honey1 tsp vanilla2 cups quick oats1 cup Rice Krispies cereal

Topping options:

raisins
craisins
butterscotch chips
mini chocolate chips
toffee pieces
almonds
pretzel pieces
M&Ms

Directions:

Mix peanut butter, honey, and vanilla in a bowl and heat in the microwave until it's slightly melted, then add oats and Rice Krispies cereal to peanut butter and honey mixture. Once combined, press into a 9x9" dish or bar cookie mold. Add various toppings of your choice and press into the granola mix. Allow the mixture to set up a bit before cutting bars apart, then ENJOY!



Dessert

Layken Eck - Sunflower Intermediate (10-13)

Axolotl Fun Fruit Frenzy with the Best Strawberry Cream Cheese Fruit Dip

Ingredients:

½ cup heavy whipping cream, cold

34 cup powdered sugar, sifted and divided

34 heaping cup fresh strawberries, sliced

8 oz Cream cheese, room temperature, (cut into pieces)

1/4 tsp Vanilla Extract

Directions:

- 1.) In a large bowl, add heavy whipping cream and 1/4 cup of powdered sugar along with 1/4 tsp vanilla extract.
- 2.) Mix using a hand mixer until fluffy and can hold stiff peaks. Set aside.
- 3.) Place strawberries into a blender or food processor and blend.
- 4.) Blend in cream cheese. (Scrape down the sides of the blender with a rubber spatula if needed.)
- 5.) Blend in remaining powdered sugar (1/2 cup)
- 6.) Gently fold the strawberry-cream cheese mixture into the whipped cream mixture until completely combined and there are no streaks.
- 7.) Place into a serving dish and serve immediately for a whipped texture, or refrigerate for 1-2 hours for a firmer texture.
- 8.) Use within 1-2 days. Store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge.
- ** Serve with a displayed fruit display in the image of an Axolotl, use your favorite fruits to make a fruit bowl around this display.



Trent Norris - Elkhorn Intermediate (10-13)

Refrigerator Sweet Pickles

Ingredients:

- 7 cups thinly sliced cucumbers (ends of cucumbers discarded)
- 1 cup thinly sliced onion chopped into smaller pieces if desired
- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon pickling salt
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon celery seed
- big sprig of fresh dill

Directions:

Combine cucumbers, onions, bell pepper, and pickling salt in large heat-proof bowl, preferably one with a lid. Stir and let sit on the counter for 1 hour. Drain well.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, heat the sugar, vinegar, and celery seed. Whisk rapidly until sugar dissolves completely. Remove saucepan from heat. Pour the hot brine over the cucumbers Add the dill and fold everything to combine. Place a lid on the bowl and refrigerate for 2 days before eating, to let flavors mingle. Eat straight from the bowl, or transfer to jars if desired. Pickles keep well for up to 3 weeks





Julien Robbins - Big Creek Cloverbud (5-6)

Salsa

Ingredients:

- 1 28oz can diced tomatoes
- 1- 4oz can diced green chili peppers
- 1-2 jalapeno peppers
- 1 c. fresh cilantro
- 1/2 onion
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 1 T. cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 T. lime juice
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. pepper

Directions:

Place chunks of onion and jalapenos in food processor along with garlic, cilantro, salt, pepper, vinegar, and lime juice. Pulse until finely chopped. Add tomatoes and green chilies. Pulse until larger chunks are smaller or desired consistency is reached. Enjoy with your favorite tortilla chips or foods!

Dessert

Sasha Robbins - Big Creek Intermediate (10-13)

Brownie Layer Desserts

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg chocolate brownie mix (including mix ingredients)
- 1 pkg instant chocolate pudding (including mix ingredients)
- 2 c. powdered sugar
- 1 4oz pkg cream cheese (softened)
- 1-2 t. milk
- 1/4 t. vanilla
- 1 c. mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 of an 8oz container whipped topping

Directions:

Prepare brownie mix according to package for a 13x9" pan. Cool completely. Prepare pudding mix according to package directions. Beat powdered sugar, cream cheese, milk, and vanilla in medium bowl until creamy. Fold in chocolate chips. Cut cooled brownies into 8 circles (size of jar). Layer in jars in the following order: brownie, 1/4 c. cream cheese filling, 1/2 c. pudding, brownie, whipped topping. Refrigerate until ready to serve.





Dessert

Charlie Herbel - Wolf Creek Valley Junior (7-9)

Chuckwagon Blueberry Dump Cobbler

Ingredients:

6 c. Frozen Blueberry's

1/2 c. Brown sugar

1/8 c. Water

1 box yellow cake mix

1 1/2 sticks of butter

1 tsp cinnamon

1 lemon

Ice cream optional

Directions:

- 1. Blueberries at room temp
- 2. Place in baking dish
- 3. Cover with 1/4 c. Brown sugar
- 4. Cut lemon in half and squeeze into blueberries
- 5. Stir in water
- 6. Sprinkle cinnamon over fruit
- 7. Pour in cake mix over the fruit.
- 8. Sprinkle remaining brown sugar over mix
- 9. Slice butter and lay over cake mix
- 10. Sprinkle remaining cinnamon
- 11. place in preheated oven at 350 and cook for 35 min
- 12. Serve warm add scope of ice cream.

Side Dish

Kambri Kasper - Wilson Winners Intermediate (10-13)

Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 4 slices of bacon, or more to taste
- 3 pounds of potatoes, or more to taste, peeled and cut into chunks

½ cup of butter, cut into pieces

1 (16 ounce) container of sour cream

8 ounces of shredded cheddar cheese

½ cup of (fresh) chopped chives (optional)

salt & ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. Gather the ingredients.
- 2. Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until crisp and browned, about 10 minutes; drain on paper towels.
- 3. Meanwhile, place potatoes into a large pot of lightly salted water and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well and return potatoes to the pot.
- 4. Mash butter into the potatoes using a potato masher or electric hand mixer until well combined. Add sour cream and continue to mash or beat until combined. Crumble bacon into potato mixture; stir in cheddar cheese and chives. Season with salt and pepper, then enjoy!





Rylee Bradshaw - Wolf Creek Valley Intermediate (10-13)

Jambalaya Rice (Part 2)

Instructions

For the spice mix

- * Combine all ingredients and divide into 3 jars, seal and add printed instructions if giving as a gift.
- * Store up to 6 months.

For the jambalaya (full batch)

- * Bring the water to boil in a large sauce pan.
- * Add the bell pepper and the rice/spice mix and stir.
- * Return to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cover and simmer for 15-25 minutes or until the rice is tender.
- * In another saucepan, combine the tomato sauce and sausage.
- * Combine both pans and mix well. If the sauce is too thick, add a bit of water and stir.

Notes

This recipe makes the full batch of 12 servings.

Nutrition

Calories: 517kcal | Carbohydrates: 16g | Protein: 21g | Fat: 41g | Saturated Fat: 14g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 5g | Monounsaturated Fat: 19g | Cholesterol: 107mg | Sodium: 2310mg | Potassium: 770mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 6g | Vitamin A: 695IU | Vitamin C: 33mg | Calcium: 80mg | Iron: 3mg



Dessert

Colt Soldan - Big Creek Junior (7-9)

Colt's Sunshine Explosion Cake

Ingredients:

- 34 cup unsalted butter, softened (melted about 30 seconds)
- 1 ½ cup white sugar
- 1 small instant lemon pudding MINUS 1 tablespoon
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon zest (2 lemons)

Lemon juice of ½ lemon

- 4 eggs
- 1 ¼ c milk
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 ¾ cup flour
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a standard Bundt pan.
- 2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cornstarch, baking powder and salt then set aside.
- 3. Using an electric mixer on medium speed, cream together the butter and granulated sugar until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add in lemon pudding (powder-do not cook) and combine well.
- 4. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, making sure each is thoroughly incorporated.
- 5. Mix in lemon zest.
- 6. Combine the milk, oil, vanilla and lemon juice in a large bowl.
- 7. Starting with the dry ingredients, alternate pouring a third of the wet and dry ingredients. Mix on medium speed for 2 minutes after the last addition.
- 8. Pour the cake batter in the prepared Bundt pan and bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until tester inserted come out clean.
- 9. Invert the cake onto a baking rack to cool.
- 10. Frost or sprinkle with powdered sugar. Another option would be to sprinkle with lemon zest.



Dessert

Kierra Eck - Sunflower Senior (14+)

Sweetheart Strawberry Bundt Cakes (Part 1)

Ingredients:

- 1 stick of Butter
- 1 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2-14 cups cake flour
- Pinch of salt
- 2-1/2 tsp baking powder
- 34 cup pureed strawberries fresh or frozen
- **Buttercream Cream Cheese Icing
- 7 oz cream cheese at room temperature
- 3 Thl Butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2-3 tbsp milk
- **Decorate and Garnish with edible flowers or what your heart's desire

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a mini bundt tray well with non-stick spray. Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.

Add the egg and vanilla extract and beat well.

In a separate bowl, sift together the cake flour, salt and baking powder.

Add the flour mixture to creamed mixture, alternating with the pureed strawberries.

Fill the bundt about \hat{A} % full with mixture and bake for 15-17 minutes until lightly golden brown.

Allow to cool in the tin for 15 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack.



Side Dish

Rylee Bradshaw - Wolf Creek Valley Intermediate (10-13)

Jambalaya Rice (Part 1)

Prep Time 10 minutes Cook Time 30 minutes Total Time 40 minutes

Servings 12 Calories 517kcal

Ingredients:

For the rice/spice mix

- * 3 cups rice uncooked
- * 3 tablespoons dried minced onion
- * 3 tablespoons dried parsley
- * 4 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- * 1 tablespoon dried minced chives
- * 1 tablespoon dried celery flakes
- * 1½ teaspoons ground black pepper
- * ¾ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- * ½ tablespoon garlic powder
- * 34 teaspoon dried thyme

For the jambalaya (full batch)

- * 6 cups water
- * 1 ½ cup green bell pepper chopped
- * Rice/spice mix from above
- * 24 ounces tomato sauce
- * 3 pounds smoked sausage cut into rounds
- * 2-16 ounce cans sweet corn, drained
- * 2-10 ounce cans of diced tomatoes with green chilies
- * Feta cheese, crumbled



Ethan Maske - Sunflower Intermediate (10-13)

Homemade Mac and Cheese

Ingredients:

1/3 cup Butter

1/3 cup Flour

3-4 cups Whole Milk (adjust to desired thickness)

1 1/2 Tbsp Garlic Powder

1 1/2 Tbsp Onion Powder

1 1/2 Tbsp Smoked Paprika

3/4 Tbsp Cayenne Pepper Salt and Pepper to taste

1 Tbsp Dijon Mustard

2 cups Mild-Medium Cheddar

1 cup Gruyere cheese

1 cup Gouda

2 cups Mozzarella Cheese

2 lbs. of Pasta (your choice)

Directions:

2 cups Velveeta

Start by grating all of your chesses, and set aside. In a small bowl, add all of the seasonings (except salt and pepper) to create your season blend.

Begin to cook your pasta as instructed on the box.

In a pot, over med-high heat, add your butter. While melting your butter add 1/4 of the season blend and toast off the seasoning. Whisk and cook for 1-2mins then add your flour. Cook out the flour for 1-2 mins before adding your milk. Start by streaming in your milk. At first it will clump up and become a paste, but its ok, continue to add milk until it becomes a nice smooth bechamel. At this time, add 1/2 of the seasoning and continue to whisk the bechamel. Add a generis amount of salt and pepper and the Dijon mustard and combine.

Turn off heat and start adding in the shredded cheese. Only add 3/4 of your cheese blend. Whisk the cheese in and continue to mix until cheese has completely melted. At this time, add additional seasonings if needed.

Once melted add your pasta to the cheese blend. Coat your pasta thoroughly, then pour into a baking dish.

Cover the pasta with additional cheese right on top.

Bake in a 350-degree oven for 20mins and broil for 2-3mins to create a nice cheesy crust. Enjoy!



Dessert

Kierra Eck - Sunflower Senior (14+)

Sweetheart Strawberry Bundt Cakes (Part 2)

**Cream Cheese Icing

Beat the cream cheese and butter in a medium size bowl until smooth. Add in the powdered sugar and continue mixing.

Add in the first tablespoon of milk to see what your consistency is like. You may need a further 1 or 2 spoonsful of milk until the icing is a drizzle consistency.

**To Decorate

Drizzle the cream cheese icing over the cooled bundts, allow it to fall over the sides.

Garnish each cake to your sweethearts desire. Enjoy!



Ari Robbins - Big Creek Junior (7-9)

Argentine Carne Asada

Ingredients:

5 cloves garlic

2 t. salt

1 t. black peppercorn

1 c. orange juice

1/4 c. fresh lime juice

1/4 c. fresh lemon juice

1 c. onion, minced

2 t. oregano

1 c. olive oil

Instructions:

Mash garlic, salt, and peppercorn into a paste using a mortar and pestle. Stir in juices, onion, and oregano. Let sit at room temperature 30 minutes or longer. Whisk this mixture into olive oil until well blended.

Meat - Place meat in a large bowl or pan. Add enough marinade to cover the meat. Cover pan and refrigerated 5-12 hours. Grill meat when coals are hot and white. Serve as is, or with an Argentine chimichurri sauce.

Main Dish

Payton Maske - Sunflower Senior (14+)

Wilderness Marinated Chicken

Ingredients:

2lbs chicken breasts

1/2c Olive oil

1/4c Soy sauce

1/4c Worcestershire sauce

1/8c Lemon juice

3/4c Brown sugar

2tsp Rosemary

2Tbsp Dijon mustard

1 1/2tsp Salt

1tsp Pepper

2tsp Garlic powder

Directions:

Step 1, Clean and skin your chicken breasts. Place in a large bag and set aside. Step 2, Mix all marinade ingredients in a bowl. Pour 3/4 of the marinade over

the chicken. Reserve remainder marinade for grilling.

Step 3, Seal the plastic and bag rub the marinade all over the chicken. Set the bag in the refrigerator overnight to marinate.

Step 4, Preheat grill to medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate. Place chicken breasts, smooth-side down on preheated grill.

Step 5, Cook on medium-low heat. Brush marinade on chicken prior to turning, again after flipping. Cook until the chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear, about 5 minutes per side. Once cooked, the center of your chicken should read 165 degrees F.

Step 6, Remove chicken from grill, serve, and enjoy.





Main Dish

Collins Sturgeon - Wolf Creek Valley Junior (7-9)

Tailgate Turkey Sandwiches

Ingredients:

1 package of Hawaiian rolls

1lb. of sliced turkey

1lb. of sliced cheese of choice

Choice of condiments: mayonnaise, mustard, tomato, lettuce, pickles

Directions:

Assemble and Enjoy!!



Main Dish

Cord Norris - Elkhorn Intermediate (10-13)

BBQ Venison Sandwiches

Ingredients:

1 (2-4lb) venison roast

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1 yellow onion, sliced

4 garlic cloves, minced

1 cup of your favorite barbecue sauce

1/2 cup beef stock

1 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

buns of choice, for serving

pickles, for serving

Directions:

- 1. Start by letting the roast come to room temperature for 30 minutes before you sear it (if you can). This helps create a nice crust on the sear you'll perform by ensuring the meat heats evenly. Then, pat it dry with a paper towel.
- 2. Next, heat a skillet over medium-high heat with olive oil. Once hot, sear the roast on all sides until a nice, brown crust has formed. Take your time this could take 15-20 minutes.
- 3. Then, place your seared roast into the bottom of a slow cooker. Cover it with the onions, garlic, barbecue sauce, beer or stock, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper.
- 4. Cook for 8 hours on low or until the meat is literally falling apart. If it is too tough to pull apart, it needs more time. Shred the meat with forks.
- 5. To serve, pull some out, place it on a bun, add more barbecue sauce, and top with pickles. Enjoy!



Main Dish

Jack Enger - Sunflower Intermediate (10-13)

Massaman Curry

Ingredients:

50g Curry Paste
60g Oil
150g Chicken (or favorite meat)
600ml Coconut Milk
75g Palm Sugar
60g Fish Sauce
45g Tamarind Paste
200g well chopped onion
200g Potato (bite size pieces)
50g roasted Peanuts

Directions:

- 1. stir curry paste with oil over medium high heat for 1.5 mins.
- 2. add favorite meat (chicken), coconut milk, palm sugar, fish sauce, tamarind paste, chopped onion, potato cut into bite size pieces, roasted peanuts.
- 3. simmer on medium heat for at least 30 mins until desired doneness.
- 4. serve with rice.

Main Dish

Coy Cook - Sunflower Intermediate (10-13)

Soft & Fluffy Homemade Pizza Dough

Ingredients:

(8 g) 1 pouch instant (rapid rise) dry yeast

2 tsp sugar

1 1/4 cup milk, warmed to about 38C to 45C

3 tbsp melted butter

About 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1 tsp salt

Instructions:

In a large bowl, mix yeast, sugar, warm milk (do not bring to a boil), and melted butter.

Let rest for 10 minutes to allow the yeast to activate. Foam will form along the surface.

Mix flour and salt. Gradually add to bowl, mixing with a fork, and eventually with your hands if using a fork becomes difficult. Incorporate flour until the dough is consistent and fairly firm.

Flour a work surface and knead the dough, adding a bit of flour until the dough no longer sticks. To knead, fold and flatten the dough for roughly 5 minutes, using the palm of your hand or fist.

Place the dough ball in a bowl greased with butter. Cover and allow the dough to rise in a warm, draft-free location. The dough must double in volume, which should take about 45 minutes.

Deflate the dough before working it according to the chosen recipe.



