

PARTY DIPS

Perennial components of popular party dips, tomatoes and avocados can offer seniors a wide array of healthy nutrients. Salsa comprised of tomatoes, onions, peppers, and other vegetables can part of the daily recommended vegetable intake, as well as antioxidants such as lycopene. Avocados, the main component of guacamole, are high in "good" fat, vitamin E, iron, and potassium, all of which deliver a host of health benefits to seniors. Hummus is another tasty dip that packs a nutritious punch. With chickpeas as the main ingredient, hummus is high in protein, dietary fiber, and folate. Use any of these nutrient-dense dips to dunk veggies in or to add health benefits to a favorite summertime meal.

FROZEN TREATS

Nothing says summer like a popsicle or an ice cream cone. While both tend to be high in sugar, it's okay to indulge in a sweet treat every once in a while, — especially if it's made with real ingredients. Ice cream certainly doesn't have a reputation as a health food, but it boasts decent amounts of calcium and phosphorous, which are crucial for maintaining healthy bones. Don't shy away from ice cream because of the fat content, either. Studies show that people who eat full-fat dairy tend to be slimmer than those who eat low-fat versions.

If dairy isn't option one or you'd prefer something fruit-based, try a fruit bar. Grab some popsicle molds (or some paper cups and craft sticks) and make your own. Use a mix of your favorite fresh fruit and a splash of juice. You can even blend the fruit with some Greek yogurt for a creamy version. Regardless of what kind of chilled goodies you choose, just be sure to keep your serving sizes sensible.

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POPCORN

Popular summer pastimes include going to the movies or attending a baseball game. Popcorn has been a staple at cinemas and ballparks for years, but it often gets a bad rap for being unhealthy. If you forgo the extra salt and butter, recent research indicates that popcorn may actually have health benefits.

Researchers have found polyphenols—a group of beneficial antioxidants—to be more plentiful in popcorn than certain fruits and vegetables. Popcorn is also a whole grain and an excellent source of dietary fiber for seniors.

If you stay in to watch a classic movie or catch a ball game on TV, try air-popping your own snack. Place a few tablespoons of kernels in a paper lunch bag, fold the top over and microwave for a few minutes until the popping is a few seconds apart. Making your own popcorn allows you to choose which seasonings and how much of them to use on this healthier version of the treat.

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				<p>1 Sandy's Chicken Chile Tortilla Broccoli w/ Cheese Carrot Raisin Salad Diced Pears & Milk</p>
<p>4 HOLIDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>5 South Western Chicken Peas & Carrots 3 Bean Salad WW Roll Orange & Milk</p>	<p>6 Bratwurst, Cabbage & Carrots, Potato Salad, Bread, Banana M&M Cookie & Milk</p>	<p>7 Goulash Green Beans Salad w/ Dressing WW Bread Apple & Milk</p>	<p>8 Breaded Fish Sandwich Corn, Cole Slaw Spiced Peaches & Milk</p>
<p>11 Seasoned Cod/ Potato Medley Maple Glazed Carrots Banana Roll & Milk</p>	<p>12 Egg Salad Sandwich Tomato Basil Soup Tossed Vegetable Salad w/ Dressing Orange & Milk</p>	<p>13 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Caesar Salad Peas Strawberries & Milk</p>	<p>14 Beef Pot Pie w/ Buttermilk Biscuit Succotash Salad w/ dressing Apple & Milk</p>	<p>15 Pulled Pork Sandwich Corn Pinto Beans Apple Sauce & Milk</p>
<p>18 Sweet & Sour Meatballs Broccoli Jasmine Rice Tossed salad w/ dressing Pear & Milk</p>	<p>19 Chicken Taco Salad w/ sour Cream, Salsa and Avocado Corn Chowder Orange & Milk</p>	<p>20 Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas Coleslaw Banana & Milk</p>	<p>21 Chicken Marsala Roasted Red Potato Brussel Sprouts Green Bean Salad Apple & Milk</p>	<p>22 Baked Parmesan Encrusted Salmon Roasted Sweet Potatoes Broccoli, Roll Strawberries & Milk</p>
<p>25 Chicken Piccata Pasta Winter Blend Vegetables Peaches High Fiber Cookie & Milk</p>	<p>26 Beef Fajita Tortillas Spanish Rice SW Black Beans Strawberries & Milk</p>	<p>27 Mahi Mahi w/ Mango Chutney Mixed Vegetables WW Roll Orange & Milk</p>	<p>28 Beef Stew Succotash Whole Wheat Roll Pineapple Orange Compote & Milk</p>	<p>29 Swedish Meatballs w/ Noodles Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad Orange & Milk</p>

Menu substitutions may occur without notice. Clients are advised to keep a 3-day supply of non-perishable foods and bottled water in their home in the event of inclement weather or other emergencies that may cause a temporary suspension of service.