## Pineapple, Orange, and Coconut Cake

2 1/2 C all-purpose flour

2 t baking powder

1/2 t baking soda

1/2 t salt

1 C unsalted butter, softened

1 1/2 C granulated sugar

4 lg eggs

1 t vanilla extract

1 1/2 C brewed Pineapple Orange Coconut

Cake tea

1 C crushed pineapple, drained

1 T orange zest

1 C sweetened shredded coconut

### PREP:

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 13x9 inch baking pan.
- 2. Brew the Pineapple Orange Coconut Cake Tea and let it cool.

### MIXING:

- 1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
- 2. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
- 3. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla extract and orange zest.
- 4. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, alternating with the brewed tea, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients.
- 5. Fold in the crushed pineapple and shredded coconut.

### **BAKING:**

- 1. Pour the batter into the prepared baking pan and spread it evenly.
- 2. Bake in the preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- 3. Allow the cake to cool completely in the pan on a wire rack.

# Whipped Cream, Orange, and Coconut Topping

1 C heavy whipping cream, chilled

2 T confectioners' sugar

1 t vanilla extract

1 t orange zest

1/2 C sweetened shredded coconut, togsted

#### **PREP TIME:** 10 minutes

1. Chill a mixing bowl and beaters in the refrigerator for about 15 minutes to ensure the cream whips up nicely.

### WHIPPING: 5 minutes

1. In the chilled mixing bowl, combine the heavy whipping cream, confectioners' sugar, and vanilla extract.

- 2. Beat on medium-high speed until soft peaks form.
- 3. Gently fold in the orange zest and toasted shredded coconut.

### **TOPPING THE CAKE:**

- 1. Once the cake is completely cooled, spread the whipped cream topping evenly over the top.
- 2. Optionally, sprinkle a bit more toasted coconut and orange zest on top for garnish.