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Facebook Challenge:

Every day in December I will post a challenge on my fb page "Beyond Personal Training". To participate you must post a picture or comment in the comments section. To be eligible to win you must participate all 31 days. A winner will be drawn to receive an all-expense paid weekends to one of my retreats or a month of free health coaching.

10 Thanksgiving Health Facts

- 1. A standard Thanksgiving meal will contain anywhere from 2,500 3,000 calories! That's without the appetizers or snacks that you may eat earlier in the day.
- 2. Turkey is a great low-fat source of protein. A 4oz serving of turkey contains approximately 32 grams of protein. That's 65% of your recommended daily protein intake.
- 3. Turkey is a healthy low-fat meat but make sure to choose an organic turkey or one from a local farmer. Supermarket turkeys have often been pumped full of antibiotics and injected with saline to plump up the meat!
- 4. Each year, Americans eat approximately 46 million turkeys at Thanksgiving, however meat-free alternatives are gaining in popularity. In 2011, half a million Tofurky's were sold at Thanksgiving.
- 5. A recent study has shown that the proanthocyanins contained within cranberries improve oral health by preventing bacteria from binding to teeth!
- 6. It's commonly thought that eating turkey causes drowsiness because of the tryptophan contained in the meat, but turkey actually has comparable levels to many other meats. Many cheeses contain more!
- 7. Sweet potatoes contain anthocyanin and other pigments that are thought to have anti-inflammatory health benefits. Eating these yummy vegetables may help with inflammation related health problems.
- 8. In 2010, 2.4 billion lbs. of sweet potatoes were grown in the United States with many consumed at Thanksgiving.
- 9. We don't gain as much weight as you would expect at Thanksgiving. Studies have found that you only gain on average 1 lb. during the Thanksgiving period.
- 10. To burn off the calories from 1 slice of pecan pie with cream, you would have to walk approximately 5.5 miles.

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Healthy Holiday Tips

Get a good night sleep

Eat a Healthy Breakfast

Don't skip meals beforehand

Don't go hungry to a holiday meal

Modify your recipes

Bring a health dish

Keep plate size and portions small

It's ok to say no and stick to your plan

Drink mostly water & limit alcohol

Keep to your regular exercise routine

Make 1/2 your plate veggies

Eat slowly and mindfully

Wait 20 minutes to have seconds

Give away leftovers or pack them in single serving Tupperware

Talk a walk after your meal

Focus on family not food

Enjoy desert you deserve it!

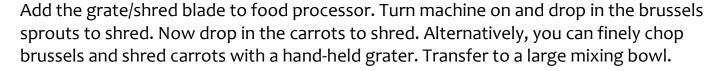


Fall detox Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 4 c Brussels sprouts, washed and stems removed
- 2 medium carrots, washed and peeled
- 1 apple, diced
- 1 large celery, diced
- ½ cup sunflower seeds
- 4 -6 tablespoons raisins
- 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon fine grain sea salt
- 4 tablespoons maple syrup





Stir in the diced apple, celery, sunflower seeds, and raisins into the carrot and brussels sprout mixture.

Add pepper to taste.

NOTE: Add more Maple Syrup to taste. Add 2 Tablespoons of Apple Cider Vinegar in place of lemon juice.

Nutrition Information Per Serving

6 Servings/serving size 2 cups: 156 Calories per serving, 5.6 g Fat, 25.7 g Carbs, 5.7 g Fiber, 15.4 g Sugar, 4.5 g Protein



Sweet Potato Casserole with Crunchy Oat Topping



Serves 12 (serving size: about 1/2 cup)

Ingredients

- 3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped (about 8 cups)
- 1/2 cup 2% reduced-fat milk
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and divided
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Cooking spray
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- 2/3 cup pecans, chopped
- 3 tablespoons almond meal
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup, divided
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

How to Make It

Step 1 Preheat oven to 375°F.

Step 2 Place potatoes in a large saucepan; cover with water to 1 inch above potatoes. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 6 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain. Return potatoes to saucepan. Add milk, 1 tablespoon butter, and vanilla; mash to desired consistency. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon salt and egg. Spread potato mixture in the bottom of an 11- x 7-inch glass or ceramic baking dish coated with cooking spray.

Step 3 Combine remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, oats, pecans, almond meal, and 2 tablespoons syrup in a bowl. Add remaining 1 tablespoon butter and canola oil; toss to coat. Sprinkle oat mixture over potatoes. Bake at 375°F for 18 minutes or until surface is golden. Remove pan from oven; drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon maple syrup.

Nutritional Information: 232 Calories, 31g Carbs, 4g Protein, 10g Fat

Apple, Cranberry, and Pecan Stuffing

Serves 12 (serving size: about 2/3 cup)

Ingredients

- 12 ounces whole-grain bread, cut into 3/4-in. cubes
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1 large Fuji apple, diced (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup pecan halves, toasted and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups unsalted chicken stock (such as Swanson)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

How to Make It

Step 1 Preheat oven to 400°F.

Step 2 Arrange bread cubes on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 400°F for 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes. Place bread in a large bowl.

Step 3 Reduce oven temperature to 350°F.

Step 4 Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add onion, celery, and carrot to pan; sauté 6 minutes. Add apple; cook 4 minutes. Stir in pecans, cranberries, parsley, salt, and pepper. Add apple mixture to bread; toss.

Step 5 Combine stock, butter, and eggs in a bowl. Drizzle over bread mixture; toss. Let stand 15 minutes. Spoon into a 13- x 9-inch glass or ceramic baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes

Nutritional Information: 230 Calories, 23g Carbs, 7g Protein, 13g Fat

