Quick Bites Segment: 12 Fresh Berries



Strawberry-Balsamic Spinach & Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 cups strawberries, fresh and quartered
- 1 cup blueberries, fresh
- 2 Tbsp. Balsamic vinegar
- ½ tsp. Ground pepper, divided
- 3 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 tsp. Honey, optional
- 1 # chicken tenders
- 15-ounce pkg. baby spinach, fresh
- ½ cup sliced almonds, toasted
- ½ cup feta
- ½ cup torn basil leaves

Directions:

Prepare chicken by sautéing in a large skillet until lightly browned & cooked through over medium heat. Internal temperature 165 degrees. Combine vinegar, honey, pepper & oil in a small bowl & whisk ingredients together.

On a large serving platter, assemble platter starting with a bed of spinach. Add berries & chicken. Drizzle vinaigrette. Top with nuts & feta cheese. Note: May also add cucumber, radishes, celery & red onion.

Serves: 4 3 oz. chicken & 2 cups salad

Calories: 345, Fat: 23 g, CHO: 16 g, Protein: 36 g, Fiber: 5 g, Sodium: 400 mg

Star Spangled Dessert

Ingredients:

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

1-2 T. water

1 T coarse sugar

2 cups sliced fresh strawberries

1-1/2 cups fresh raspberries

1 cup fresh blueberries

16 oz. Siggi's plain yogurt

Directions:

On a lightly floured surface, roll out pastry to 1/8" thickness. Cut with floured starshaped cookie cutters. Place 1" apart on parchment paper lined baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown.

Remove to wire racks. Brush lightly with water and sprinkle coarse sugar and cool.

In a large bowl, combine berries; set aside. Place yogurt in a small serving dish. Set yogurt dish on serving platter and add berries to the platter. Top berries with the pastry "stars."

Strawberry Bruschetta With Goat Cheese

Ingredients:

16 slices of baguette
Olive oil
Goat cheese spread, 1 log (8 oz.)
1 pint fresh strawberries, thinly sliced
Fresh basil, snipped
Honey, to taste (optional)
Pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat oven to 400 degrees F.

Brush each slice of baguette with olive oil. Place baguette slices on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

Bake for 5-10 minutes, until lightly golden.

Place baguette slices on a serving platter. Spread goat cheese on each slice. Combine strawberry slices, snipped basil and pepper in a bowl. Top baguette slices with the strawberry mixture. A tiny drizzle of honey may be added if a sweeter taste is desired.