



Paper Cupcake Liners make simple Spring Flower Crafts

Cupcake liners are available at dollar stores and come in a variety of colors, patterns, and sizes. Help your kiddos to create a spring garden on a rainy day.

NEWS FLASH! According to the USDA, commercially produced banana chips are not creditable in the CACFP because they are deep fried before being dehydrated.

If you make homemade, dried banana chips, please record them on your menu as Bananas. (Recipe below)



Homemade Baked Banana Chips

Ingredients: 2 Bananas, Lemon Juice, Water, Salt

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 250° F and line a large, flat baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a small bowl, combine 4 parts (4 tablespoons) water with 1 part (1 tablespoon) lemon juice.
3. Slice bananas very thin, about 1/8-inch-thick coins, brush with lemon juice/water mixture, and then sprinkle lightly with salt.
4. Bake at 250° F for about 1½ to 2 hours or until they are crispy. (Flip each slice over after 1 hour in the oven)
5. Remove the pan from the oven and allow them to cool. (The longer they cool the crispier they become.)

Note: if the bananas chips are a bit soft when you remove them from the oven, they will harden as they cool. This is normal.



When grocery shopping, do you ever wonder how much edible veggies are in a pound? (amounts listed are approximate)

- Baby Carrots (raw): 2.5 Cups per pound
- Frozen Broccoli: 2.5 Cups per pound
- Cucumbers (fresh): 2.5 Cups per pound
- Iceberg Lettuce: 3-4 Cups per head
- Fresh Grapes: 2.5 Cups per pound

Reminder that Green Leafy vegetables (like fresh spinach, lettuce, kale) require a double serving to equal the minimum portion size.



Switch to online claiming for a chance to WIN A FREE TABLET!!!

Providers who switch to online claiming will be entered in a drawing to win one of **10 tablets to be given away by Wildwood CACFP.**

(See contest details below)

Current online claimers can enter by calling 303-730-0460 or emailing info@wildwoodcacfp.org

- To make the switch, contact your field representative or the Wildwood office.
- Children currently enrolled are already in the online system, so switching is easy.
- Wildwood's knowledgeable staff will provide personalized training to get you started.
- Online claiming through KidKare is available in Spanish for easy access.
- Avoid delayed reimbursement due to slow mail service by claiming online.
- Claims are due by the 5th of each month and are submitted with the click of a button.
- LIVE prize drawings will be held on Tuesday June 15, 2021!

Contest Rules: Promotion runs January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021 and is open to all actively claiming providers on Wildwood's food program. To be eligible, participants must switch to online claiming (or already claim online) using KidKare by April 1st AND submit at least two consecutive, monthly claims before the drawing date.



CORNER

CLAIMS

We want you to receive the most money possible each month. Claims Corner has useful reminders and hints to help you do just that.

- For providers receiving Tier 2 reimbursement: If parents of children in your care have been laid off or are currently unemployed, it may be helpful to have them complete an updated household income to see if they qualify for Tier 1 reimbursement rates.
- Reminder: Claims received by Wildwood on (or before) the 5th of the month, will be processed and paid the following month. When your claim arrives late, your payment will be delayed.

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO February claims for processing is April 23, 2020.**

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO March claims for processing is May 21, 2020.**

Hints for daily Whole Grain-Rich Requirement

Did you know that saltine crackers are not whole grain rich? It's true! The only saltines that credit as WGR are those manufactured specifically for school lunch programs.

Did you know that KidKare automatically checkmarks Whole Grain on certain foods from the food list? It's true! For foods that are always Whole Grain Rich, like Cheerios, Oatmeal and Whole Wheat Bread, the Whole Grain checkmark will automatically be populated. When entering your menus, be careful that you don't remove the WG checkmark accidentally for items that are marked automatically.

We have added resources on our website to help providers determine which foods qualify as Whole Grain-Rich.

Find WHOLE GRAIN-RICH RESOURCES under "What's New?"



Snow Storm Food Shortage?



If your grocery store does not have milk or other food components available due to the recent snowstorm, add notes on your claim to document the food shortage items and list what was served instead of the required item. You can be reimbursed for the meals that otherwise would not be creditable if shortages are documented. If you have any questions about what details to include about food shortages, call the office staff before you submit your claim.

Delays in United States Postal Service Delivery

To ensure your claim arrives on time and receive your reimbursement payment faster, sign up for Direct Deposit and/or claim online. Making the switch is fast and efficient. Children currently in your care are already in the online system, so all you need to enter is menus, daily attendance and meal service. At the end of each month, you submit the finished claim with the click of a button, Abracadabra, like magic you are Done!

Steps to download your 2020 Tax Report

1. Log in to your Kidkare account
2. Select "Reports" from the left side of the screen
3. Select "Claim Statements" from the list of choices
4. Select "Tax Statements" from the list of choices
5. You will be prompted to choose the year you want
6. Click "Run" to generate your report
7. The document will open as a PDF file in the lower left corner of your screen.
8. You can save the digital report or print it for your records.



April Showers Bring May Flowers



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