## Helpful Hints

## CONDIMENTS

- Stay away from heavy dressings, especially on salads. Instead of using regular dressings, use light - or seasoned rice vinegar with a little olive oil.
- Use nonfat or low fat mayonnaise - or plain yogurt.
- When sautéing foods, try using a small amount of olive oil or broth


## PREPARATION

- Baking, broiling, steaming, and grilling are food preparation methods that use little or no fat. These are healthier alternatives to frying, and an easy way to reduce fat and calorie intake.


## TYPES OF FOODS

- Focus on eating whole fruits and vegetables instead of fruit juice. The whole foods contain more fiber, fewer calories, and are more filling than their juice counterparts. Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- Trim any visible fat from meat; remove skin from chicken before eating. Moisture can be maintained by seasoning the chicken and cooking it wrapped in foil (if grilling), or covering with liquids such as broths.
- Use nonfat (skim) or low fat dairy products. If you are currently used to whole milk, try gradually reducing the fat content - first try $2 \%$, then $1 \%$ milk, etc.
- Eat whole grain products. These have more nutrients, including fiber - and are more filling.
- Keep in mind that "fat free" packaged products does not mean "calorie free". In fact, many of the fat free products actually have higher calories and less fiber.


## GENERAL

- At each meal, try to include a minimum of three different food groups. Use the USDA's new MyPlate.gov (http://www.choosemyplate.gov/) as a guideline.
- Remember: Portion size matters!
- When evaluating your meal plan, consider what you eat over a period of a week, as opposed to what you eat each day.
- Focus on making one or two changes at a time. Each change, no matter how small, is progress.
- This is not a "diet" - it is a "Stepwise Approach to Healthier Living" !

Please consult your physician before beginning this, or any other exercise or nutrition program. The menus presented within this booklet are meant to be used as guidelines. See your physician for your specific weight level.

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## Dan Isaacson's Nutritional Program for



## ChooseMyPlate.gov

A Stepwise Approach to Healthier Eating


## "Welcome to a healthier new lifestyle that is designed to help you look and feel better!"

Dear Friend,
One of the more important things l've learned over the years as a personal trainer is that, while most people know the value of healthy eating and regular exercise, many simply don't make the effort to change their poor habits.

Fortunately, the good news is that making a healthy lifestyle change is not only a good decision but it can also be easier than you think! My simple 3-step program and menu guidelines are designed to teach you an effective way to develop healthy eating habits by maintaining a well-balanced meal plan. Using the MyPlate as your guideline, you can learn to select the right combination of food groups to create nutritious, balanced and healthy meals. This eating plan, together with a regular workout routine on your "Total Gym", is a winning combination to a healthier new world for you.

Please take a few minutes now to read through this booklet carefully. This easy, 1-2-3 nutritional program will help get you on the road to a healthier new lifestyle that can last for a lifetime!

Sincerely,
Dan Isaacson
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## Overview

Most of you are aware that making lifestyle changes can be challenging, especially with your eating habits. However, many experts agree individuals who make small changes in their lifestyle behaviors over a period of time are more successful in maintaining those changes than individuals who try to make major adjustments in a short period of time. The simple, 3 -step approach we recommend in this program can be your ladder to success.

## 3 Steps to Healthier Eating

## STEP ONE: WATER

You should make an effort to drink more water throughout the day unless you are already taking in adequate amounts of water and other healthy beverages. Many people drink far less water and healthy beverages necessary to maintain proper hydration. It is recommended to have a total daily beverage intake of 13 cups for generally healthy men and 9 cups for generally healthy women. Extended periods of work, exercise and hot, humid weather can also increase your need for water You may want to use a 16 -oz water bottle to help monitor your water intake throughout the day. For example, fill your bottle after breakfast and empty it by the time of your first snack. Repeat this process throughout the day. It can be a good way to establish a healthy behavior to drinking water throughout the day. As always check with your own doctor for specific recommendations for you.

## STEP TWO: TIMING OF MEALS

Too often many of us skip meals and snacks throughout the day. It's a good recommendation to create a regular routine and try to space your meals and snacks 2-3 hours apart.

Here's a suggested routine that you can use as a guide and adjust accordingly to your work, family and personal schedules.

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7:00 AM | $9: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ | $12: 00 \mathrm{PM}$ | $3: 00 \mathrm{PM}$ | $6: 00 \mathrm{PM}$ |

## STEP THREE: FOOD CHOICES

Your nutrition plan consists of two things: the food choices you make and the amount food you eat. A healthy nutrition plan, based on a variety of food choices with moderate portion sizes, is a key to your success that will ensure a wellbalanced eating program.

In addition to the food choices you make, paying attention to portion sizes is also important. Read food labels and become familiar with the portion sizes listed. Take the time to weigh and measure food so you recognize what $1 / 2$ cup of pasta looks like. You may be amazed when you compare what you thought was one serving with the actual amount contained in that serving.

Although weighing and measuring food is preferred, you may find yourself in situations where you cannot do this easily (e.g. eating at a restaurant). In those instances, use the following guide to estimate portion sizes.

| Serving | Looks Like | Food |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1 cup | $\mathbf{1}$ fist | Raw vegetables, ready-to-eat cereal, <br> yogurt, milk |
| $1 / 2$ cup | $\mathbf{1 / 2}$ fist | Pasta, rice, cooked cereal, chopped, <br> cooked, or canned fruit |
| $2-3$ oz | Palm of hand | Meat, poultry, fish |

## Meal Plan

The meal plans included in this booklet provide approximately $60 \%$ of calories from carbohydrates, 20\% from protein, and 20\% from fat. Four meal plans are available, based upon different weight levels: less than 140 lbs., 140-169 lbs., 170-200 lbs., and greater than 200 lbs . It is recommended to use this guideline as a place to begin to increase your nutrient base, reduce your caloric intake and practice eating food on a more regular basis throughout the day. Each meal plan provides menus and guidelines for 5 days. Each plan, regardless of body weight, consists of 3 meals and 2 snacks. This approach helps minimize feelings of hunger.

As you review the meal plans, you may decide that you want to change some of the foods listed in the meal plans. For example, instead of eating a pear for lunch, you may prefer an orange. Changes within food groups (in this case, fruit), are fine - and encouraged. However, serving size should remain the same. For an easy online picture of the food groups and serving sizes, go to
http://www.choosemyplate.gov/foodgroups. Again, it is fine to change choices within each food group. Avoid changing from different food groups. For example, a slice of bread (Grains) should not be substituted for broccoli (Vegetables). However, spinach could be substituted for the broccoli, as they are both in the Vegetables food group.

Note: Any product names provided in the daily meal plans and snack lists are not an endorsement; they are suggested guides. Always compare labels to choose the most nutritious version of the product.

## Using MyPlate



MyPlate

The meal plans provided are suggested to help you make changes within your diet. They are not intended to be the only meal plans you ever follow. When you are ready to try moving beyond the suggested menus in this booklet, the USDA's new MyPlate.gov* (http://www.choosemyplate.gov) can be used to provide a practical, healthy approach to your meal planning. You can even further set up a practical plan by inputting your personal data with the help of http://www.choosemyplate.gov/myplate/index.aspx. Important main messages to consider:

- Balance your calories (Enjoy your food, but eat less; watch your portion sizes.)
- Look at the MyPlate pictorial: Make one-half of your plate fruits and vegetables, increase whole grains, switch to non-fat (skim) or $1 \%$ low fat milk.
- Compare food labels when using packaged foods: compare sodium in the foods and choose the foods with the lower numbers.
- Drink water rather than sugary drinks.
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## Using MyPlate as a Meal Planning Tool

Number of servings per day from each food group based on your body weight

| Food Group | Under 140 lbs | 140-169 lbs | 170-200 lbs | Over 200 lbs | *Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grains* | 4-5 ounces | 5-6 ounces | 5-6 ounces | 6-8 ounces | Include whole grains |
| Vegetable* | 11/2-2 cups | 11/2-21/2 cups | 2-21/2 cups | 21/2-3 cups | Include dark colors |
| Fruit* | 1-11/2 cups | 11/2 cups | 11/2-2 cups | 2 cups | Variety; limit juices |
| Dairy* | 2-3 cups | 2-3 cups | 3 cups | 3 cups | Aim for low or non-fat |
| Meat/Beans* | 3-5 ounces | 4-5 ounces | 5-51/2 ounces | 51/2-61/2 ounces | Variety: fish, poultry, beans, nuts, seeds |
| Calories | 1200-1600 | 1400-1800 | 1600-2000 | 2000-2400 |  |

If your goal is to lose weight, then you should eat the number of servings at the lower end of the range shown. If you do not want to lose weight, then eat the number of servings at the mid-to-higher end of the range, and determine what seems right for you.
Refer to the following chart for information regarding serving/portion sizes and what types of foods are included in each food group.
Again consider the visual of MyPlate (http://www.choosemyplate.gov).
Is the food on your plate balanced in proportion and color?


## Examples of foods and serving size from each of the food groups

See http://www.choosemyplate.gov/foodgroups/index.html for more helpful hints on Food Groups.

| Food Group | Serving |  |  |  | *Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grains* | 1 Ounce | 1 slice bread | 1 cup packaged cereal | 1/2 cup cooked pasta, rice, oatmeal | *Maximize whole grains |
| Vegetable* | Cups | 1 cup raw chopped | 2 cups raw leafy greens | 8 oz <br> vegetable <br> juice | *Cooking vegetables decreasing volume, not weight |
| Fruit* | Cups | 1 cup 100\% fruit juice | 1 cup chopped, diced fresh fruits |  | *Minimize juices |
| Dairy* | Cups | 1 cup milk, yogurt | 1 oz cheese |  | *Maximize lownonfat |
| Meat/Beans* | Ounces | 3 oz meat, chicken, fish = size of palm of hand | 1 egg, $1 / 4$ cup cooked beans, 1 Tbsp. peanut butter, $1 / 2 \mathrm{Tbsp}$. nuts/seeds = 1 oz equivalent from protein group |  | *Go lean when possible: round or loin cuts; extra lean ground beef, skinless chicken, lean \& low sodium lunch meats |

## Using MyPlate as a Guide to a Healthier Weight: Portion Sizes Matter

"Watch your portion sizes. The amount you eat or drink plays an important role in your energy balance" (http://www.choosemyplate.gov/STEPS/howmuchshouldyoueat.html) Visit the website for important strategies.

The chart below, from that website, shows a 1-day example from the Grain Group, where 5 ounces per day is the recommendation for a 1600-calorie meal plan.

| Meal | Food Item | Amount | Counts as |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Breakfast | Oatmeal | $1 / 2$ cup cooked | 1 oz of grains |
| Lunch | Sandwich | 2 slices whole <br> wheat bread | 2 oz of grains |
| Dinner | Pasta | 1 cup cooked <br> noodles | 2 oz of grains |
| TOTAL for day |  |  | 5 oz of grains |

## Snack List <br> Examples of different snack foods

Note: For any packaged snack foods, read labels, especially noting serving sizes. Also consider sodium content - and remember: less is better.

| 50 Calories or less | 100 calories | 150 calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Low sodium V-8® 100\% vegetable juice <br> 14 whole almonds 1/2 cup sliced fruit; 1 cup melon cubes <br> 1 kiwi; 7 strawberries; 15 grapes; or $1 / 2$ cup fresh raspberries; $1 / 2$ grapefruit <br> $1 / 2$ cup sliced vegetables <br> 1 Babybel® light cheese <br> 1 Laughing Cow® light cheese wedge <br> 6 oz Light nonfat yogurt <br> 1 oz Sargento® reduced fat, low moisture string cheese (1 stick) <br> Wasa® Hearty Rye Crispbread <br> 2 plain Ak-Mak® crackers <br> $11 / 2$ Tbsp hummus w/ $1 / 2$ small red pepper <br> 1 celery stalk with 1 Tbsp. <br> soft goat cheese <br> 20 thin pretzels <br> 1 large rice cake <br> 1/2 sq. graham cracker <br> 1 cooked artichoke <br> $1 / 2$ oz jelly beans <br> $11 / 2$ cup air-popped popcorn <br> 4 Saltine crackers <br> 1 corn tortilla <br> 3 large marshmallows | 1 cup sliced fruit; 1 whole fresh fruit; 2 whole kiwi; 2 cups raspberries <br> 1 cup sliced vegetables <br> 1 oz string cheese, part skim (1 stick) <br> $1 / 2$ cup Kashi® Heart to Heart® cereal + 1 Tbsp Craisins® or raisins <br> $3 / 4$ cup Crunchy Corn Bran <br> $1 / 2$ Balance Bar® or $1 / 2$ Luna Bar® <br> 1 Nature Valley® Granola Bar <br> 6 oz low fat yogurt <br> Individual fruit cups (read labels to find correct ones) <br> Mini bagel <br> $1 / 2$ cup sorbet <br> 45 steamed edamame (fresh soy beans) <br> 2 Tbsp mashed avocado + <br> 2 Tbsp tomatoes in $1 / 2$ pita pocket <br> $1 / 2$ cup low fat cottage cheese <br> 20 roasted peanuts <br> 1 hard boiled egg <br> $1 / 2$ small apple with 2 tsp peanut butter <br> 1 oz of most cold cereals (read label) <br> $1 / 4$ cup dried fruits <br> 1 small baked sweet potato <br> 1/2 cup frozen yogurt (no toppings) <br> 5 Melba Toast <br> 1 small slice angel food cake <br> 6 vanilla wafers | 1 small box raisins <br> $3 / 4$ cup Kashi® Heart to Heart ${ }^{\circledR}$ cereal <br> $1 / 2$ cup Oatmeal Squares <br> 8 oz. Vanilla Soy Milk <br> Smart Pop! ® fat free microwave popcorn <br> 5 Vanilla Snaps (Mi-Del Swedish Style) <br> 7 Reduced Fat Triscuit® crackers <br> 1 cup sherbet <br> 1-2 whole wheat flour tortillas (read label to determine size) <br> $3 / 4$ cup vegetarian refried beans <br> 1 whole English muffin <br> $3 / 4$ cup regular cottage cheese <br> $3 / 4$ cup cooked brown rice <br> 1 cup cooked oatmeal <br> 2 oatmeal raisin cookies <br> $3 / 4$ cup cooked pasta <br> 1/2 cup pudding <br> 8 oz fruit smoothie <br> 1 small cranberry muffin |

*Raw vegetables, such as carrots and broccoli are so rich in nutrients and low in calories that you are encouraged to eat more of these if you're feeling hungry in between meals.

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## Meal Plan for Individuals Weighing Less Than 140 lbs

- Salad ingredients are suggestions; feel free to be creative with raw vegetables and experiment with the variety of lettuces available. Hint: The darker leaf is more nutritious.
- For a more vegetarian approach, try using tofu and textured vegetable products instead of animal protein.
- Choose any additional snacks with care: Select from the Snack List (p. 6) choices that have 50 calories or less. Or you can add a fresh fruit or vegetable


## Day 1

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 poached egg | 1 med apple | Pasta Salad: | $1 / 2$ cup fresh | 1 cup lentil soup |
| 1 oz. cheddar | 5 almonds | 1 cup cooked pasta |  |  |
| cheese |  |  |  |  |
| 1 english muffin |  | $1 / 2$ cup mixed vegetables <br> 1 cup skim milk <br> Coffee, tea, or |  | 1 oz light salad dressing |
| 1 dinner roll |  | cup tossed salad <br> w/ 1 oz. broiled <br> chicken breast |  |  |
| water |  |  |  |  |

*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 2

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 cup hot oatmeal <br> 1 slice whole <br> wheat toast <br> 1 med orange <br> Coffee or tea | 1 banana | Ste oz walnuts |  | Steamed vegetables w/ <br> cheese sauce: <br> 1 cup broccoli <br> 1 cup cauliflower <br> $1 / 2$ cup squash <br> 1 oz cheddar cheese <br> (melted on top) |
| 1 dinner roll | 1 cup baby <br> carrots <br> 1 oz string <br> cheese | 3 oz skinless chicken <br> breast - grilled <br> 1 cup cooked brown <br> rice <br> $1 / 2$ cup green beans <br> steamed <br> $1 / 2$ cup low fat frozen <br> yogurt $w / 1 / 2$ cup <br> sliced berries |  |  |

*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 3

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Breakfast } & \text { Snack } & \text { Lunch } & \text { Snack } & \text { Dinner } \\ \hline 1 / 2 \text { cup blueberries } & 1 \text { oz trail mix } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Tossed Chef Salad: } \\ 1 / 2 \text { cup stawberries }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Celery and } \\ \text { (nuts, dried } \\ 1 / 2 \text { cup banana slices } \\ \text { carrot sticks }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}3 / 2 \text { cup cooked white } \\ \text { rice } \mathrm{w} / 2 \text { oz chicken } \\ \text { fruit) }\end{array} \\ 2 \text { egg whites }- \text { hard boiled }\end{array}\right)$
*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 4

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 slice toasted French bread 1 Tbsp real fruit spread 1 poached egg Coffee or tea | 1 med orange | Pasta marinara: <br> $1 / 2$ cup cooked spaghetti <br> $1 / 2$ marinara sauce <br> 3 oz. extra lean ground beef <br> 1 med plum <br> Iced tea | 1 sliced cucumber in seasoned riced vinegar | 1 cup minestrone soup <br> 1 slice Italian bread <br> 2 tsp olive oil <br> Green leaf lettuce w/ <br> 4 broccoli spears <br> 1 tomato <br> $1 / 2$ cup grapes <br> 1 baked apple w/ <br> 1 Tbsp walnuts |

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## Day 5

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $34^{\prime \prime}$ pancakes | 1 banana | 1 cup potato leak soup | 1 cup chopped | 4 oz broiled salmon |
| 2 Tbsp light syrup | 10 almonds | 1 cup chopped leaf lettuce <br> $1 / 2$ cup cucumber slices <br> $1 / 2$ cup skim milk <br> $1 / 2$ cup orange juice <br> Coffee or tea |  | freggies <br> 1 tomato <br> $1 / 2$ cup chopped broccoli <br> 1 small sweet potato |
|  |  | 2 Tbsp low fat Caesar <br> dressing <br> 1 pear |  | 6 oz low fat yogurt <br> $1 / 2$ cup fresh berries |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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## Meal Plan for Individuals Weighing 140-169 lbs

- Salad ingredients are suggestions; feel free to be creative with raw vegetables and experiment with the variety of lettuces available. Hint: The darker leaf is more nutritious.
- For a more vegetarian approach, try using tofu and textured vegetable products instead of animal protein.
- Choose any additional snacks with care: Select from the Snack List (p. 6) choices that have 150 calories or less. Or you can add a fresh fruit or vegetable.


## Day 1

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 whole grain waffles <br> 2 Tbsp light syrup $1 / 2$ cup banana slices <br> 2 Tbsp fresh blueberries 6 oz orange juice | 6 oz nonfat yogurt | Tuna salad: <br> 2 cups chopped leaf lettuce <br> 2 oz water packed tuna <br> 1 cup seedless grapes <br> $1 / 2$ cup $2 \%$ fat cottage <br> cheese <br> 6 Triscuit® crackers Iced tea | 1 oz trail mix with raisins | 4 oz grilled halibut <br> 1 cup rice pilaf <br> 1 cup steamed <br> zucchini <br> 1 cup skim milk <br> 1 whole wheat dinner roll |

*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fruit salad $1 / 2$ cup mandarin orange sections $1 / 2$ cup blueberries $1 / 2$ cup strawberries sliced $1 / 2$ cup apple slices 1 slice whole wheat toast Coffee or tea | 1 oz string cheese | Chicken garden salad <br> 2 cups chopped leafy greens <br> 2 oz grilled chicken breast w/o skin <br> 1 cup mixed chopped vegetables <br> 2 Tbsp light dressing <br> 1 slice rye bread <br> 1 tsp olive oil <br> 1 cup skim milk Iced tea | 1 oz trail mix with nuts, seeds, fruit 4 oz nonfat yogurt | 6 oz Mac \& Cheese (Lean Cuisine®) 1 cup steamed corn Salad: <br> 2 cups green leafs <br> 1 cup sliced cucumber <br> 1 tomato <br> 1 cup broccoli pieces <br> 2 Tbsp light dressing <br> 1 dinner roll <br> 1 slice banana bread |

## Day 3

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 cup cooked cream of wheat 1 slice whole wheat toast 2 tsp almond butter 1 med fresh orange 1 cup skim milk Coffee or tea | 1 granola bar 1 cup seedless grapes | $11 / 2$ cup soup - beef \& vegetable Tossed salad 2 cups chopped Romaine 1 cup chopped fresh vegetables <br> 3 Tbsp light Caesar dressing 1 cup skim milk | 1 oz walnut halves 1 Tbsp dried cranberries | 3 oz skinless grilled chicken breast <br> 1 cup cooked brown rice <br> 1 cup steamed <br> carrots <br> $1 / 2$ cup low fat frozen <br> yogurt <br> $1 / 2$ cup fresh <br> raspberries |

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## Day 4

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\hline \begin{array}{l}1 \text { poached egg } \\
1 \text { Tbsp salsa } \\
1 \text { raisin bran muffin } \\
1 \text { medium orange } \\
\text { Coffee or tea }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}6 \text { oz nonfat } \\
\text { yogurt } \\
5 \text { almonds }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}6 \text { oz Mac \& Cheese } \\
\text { (Lean Cuisine®) } \\
1 \text { cup seedless grapes } \\
2 \text { oz pumpernickel bread } \\
\text { Water or iced tea }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}1 \text { oz. string } \\
\text { cheese }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}3 \text { oz. turkey breast } \\
\text { w/o skin, roasted } \\
2 \text { Tbsp cranberry }\end{array}
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relish <br>
1 cup mashed <br>
potatoes <br>
1 cup sliced <br>
strawberries <br>

1 cup skim milk\end{array}\right]\)|  |
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*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 5

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 large egg | 2 Tbsp | 1 Gardenburger® |  | 3 oz grilled swordfish |
| scramble in non- | hummus <br> stick pan | 1 1 lettuce leaf |  | 1 cup couscous, |
| $1 / 2$ plain bagel | carrots | 1 tomato slice | 1 slice onion |  |
| 1 Tbsp whipped |  | 1 whole grain bun |  | $1 / 2$ cup mixed <br> low fat cream <br> cheese |
|  |  | 1 medium orange |  |  |
| 1 cup skim milk |  | $1 / 2$ cup coleslaw: shredded |  | 1 dinner roll |
| 1 medium pear |  | cabbage $+1 / 2$ Tbsp low fat |  | 2 tsp olive oil |
| Coffee or tea |  | 1 cup skim milk |  | $1 / 2$ cup melon cubes |

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## Meal Plan for Individuals Weighing 170-200 lbs

- Salad ingredients are suggestions; feel free to be creative with raw vegetables and experiment with the variety of lettuces available. Hint: The darker leaf is more nutritious.
- For a more vegetarian approach, try using tofu and textured vegetable products instead of animal protein.
- Choose any additional snacks with care: Select from the Snack List (p. 6) choices that have 150 calories or less. Or you can add a fresh fruit or vegetable.

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scrambled egg with <br> 1 egg white and <br> 1 whole egg <br> 1 medium banana <br> 6 oz orange juice <br> 1 cup skim milk | 1 oz walnut halves 1 cup skim milk | 1 bean \& cheese burrito Tossed salad 1 cup chopped Romaine $1 / 2$ cup cucumber slices 1 tomato $1 / 2$ cup chopped broccoli, raw <br> 1 Tbsp guacamole | 10 seedless grapes | 6 oz vegetarian lasagna 2 breadsticks Tossed salad 1 cup chopped Romaine $1 / 2$ cup carrots 1 tomato $1 / 2$ cup chopped broccoli, raw 2 Tbsp Light dressing $1 / 2$ cup unsweetened applesauce |

*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 2

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 cup Total ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ cereal <br> $1 / 2$ cup skim milk <br> 1 Tbsp dried blueberries 1 medium orange | 1 String cheese 10 almonds | 1 cup Baked beans <br> 1 cup white rice, cooked $1 / 2$ cup steamed zucchini 1 oz light cheddar 1 whole wheat roll 1 cup skim milk | 1 hard granola bar 1 med apple | 1 cup vegetable <br> Stir fry <br> 3 oz chicken breast, <br> no skin <br> $1 / 2$ cup white rice <br> 1 plum <br> 1 almond cookie |

*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 3

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Whole grain waffle <br> 2 Tbsp light syrup <br> 1 med orange <br> 1 cup skim milk <br> Coffee or tea | 1 med banana $1 / 2$ oz walnuts | Salad: <br> 2 cups chopped Romaine <br> $1 / 2$ med peach slices <br> $1 / 2$ med peach slices <br> $1 / 2$ cup grapes <br> 1 cup carrot slices <br> $1 / 2$ oz pine nuts <br> $1 / 2$ cup $2 \%$ cottage cheese <br> 6 Triscuit® crackers | 2 plain rice cakes 3 Tbsp hummus | 4 oz grilled salmon $1 / 2$ cup rice pilaf 1 cup steamed squash $1 / 2$ cup frozen yogurt w/ 1 Tbsp granola topping |

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## Day 4

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 / 2$ grapefruit | 6 oz nonfat | Chicken sandwich: | 1 cup snap | Steamed Vegetables: |
| 1 slice whole | yogurt | 3 oz chicken breast | peas | $1 / 2$ cup broccoli |
| wheat toast | w/ fruit | skinless, grilled | 1 plain rice | $1 / 2$ cup cauliflower |
| 2 tsp almond butter | 1 hard | 2 tomato slices | cake | $1 / 2$ cup zucchini |
| 1 Tbsp fruit spread | granola bar | 2 lettuce leaves | 1 Tbsp | $1 / 2$ cup onions |
| 1 poached egg |  | 1 Tbsp BBQ sauce | hummus | 1 oz cheddar |
| 1 Tbsp salsa |  | 1 deli roll | 1 cup fruit salad |  |
| 3/4 cup orange juice |  | $1 / 2$ cup 3-bean salad |  | 1 cup skim milk |
| Coffee or tea |  | 1 cup skim milk |  |  |

*Water, coffee, tea, iced tea with any meals or snacks

## Day 5

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 scrambled egg: <br> 1 whole egg <br> 1 oz light cheddar <br> $1 / 4$ cup chopped <br> green onion <br> 1 slice whole <br> wheat toast <br> $3 / 4$ cup orange juice <br> 1 cup skim milk | 2 kiwi 6 walnut halves | 1 large baked potato w/ 2 Tbsp plain nonfat yogurt or light sour cream $1 / 4$ cup chopped green onion <br> 2 Tbsp salsa Spinach salad: 2 cups spinach leaves 1 med tomato 2 Tbsp light dressing 1 tangerine Iced tea | 1 med apple 6 Triscuit® crackers | 2 cups chunky chicken noodle soup 1 whole wheat roll 1 corn on cob $1 / 2$ cup sherbet |

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## Meal Plans for the

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*Please consult your physician before beginning this, or any other exercise or nutrition program. The menus presented within this booklet are meant to be used as guidelines. See your physician for your specific weight level.

## Meal Plan for Individuals Weighing Greater Than 200 lbs

- Salad ingredients are suggestions; feel free to be creative with raw vegetables and experiment with the variety of lettuces available. Hint: The darker leaf is more nutritious.
- For a more vegetarian approach, try using tofu and textured vegetable products instead of animal protein.
- Choose any additional snacks with care: Select from the Snack List (p. 6) choices that have 150 calories or less. Or you can add a fresh fruit or vegetable.


## Day 1

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 cups diced fresh fruit <br> 2 Tbsp granola 6 oz plain nonfat yogurt 2 slices whole wheat toast Coffee or tea | 1 oz trail mix 1 med banana | Turkey sandwich: <br> 3 oz turkey breast <br> skinless <br> 1 tomato slice <br> 1 Tbsp mustard <br> 2 slices rye bread <br> $1 / 2$ cup coleslaw: shredded <br> cabbage + $1 / 2$ Tbsp low fat <br> mayonnaise <br> 1 dill pickle <br> Iced tea or water | 1 string cheese <br> 1 med plum | 6 oz Vegetarian <br> Lasagna <br> Tossed salad: <br> 2 cups Romaine <br> $1 / 2$ cup cucumbers <br> 1 tomato <br> 1 cup chopped broccoli <br> 10 baby carrots <br> 2 Tbsp fat free <br> dressing <br> 1 dinner roll <br> 1 cup strawberries <br> 1 cup skim milk |

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| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 cup cooked oatmeal <br> 1 Tbsp brown sugar <br> 1/2 sliced banana <br> $1 / 2$ cup blueberries <br> $3 / 4$ cup orange juice <br> 1 slice whole <br> wheat toast <br> Coffee or tea | 14 almonds 1 string cheese | Steamed veggies/cheese: <br> 1 cup broccoli <br> $1 / 2$ cup cauliflower <br> $1 / 2$ cup squash <br> $11 / 2$ oz It. cheddar, <br> melted on top <br> 1 dinner roll <br> 10 grapes <br> Iced tea or water | 1 Energy bar 1 med apple | 4 oz skinless chicken breast, grilled <br> 1 cup brown rice 1 cup steamed carrots <br> 1 cup unsweetened applesauce <br> 1 cup frozen yogurt <br> 2 Tbsp fresh <br> raspberries |

## Day 3

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 2$ cup Cream of Wheat with <br> 1 Tbsp dried fruit <br> 1 Tbsp brown sugar <br> 1 cup skim milk <br> 1 slice whole <br> wheat toast <br> 1 med orange <br> Coffee or tea | 1 string cheese 3/4 Oz walnuts | $21 / 2$ cups hearty vegetable beef soup 2 cups chopped Romaine w/ 2 Tbsp plain croutons, 2 Tbsp light dressing 1 whole wheat dinner roll 2 tsp olive oil 1 med banana Iced tea or water | 6 oz nonfat yogurt 2 tsp slivered almonds | 4 oz baked cod <br> 1 cup brown rice <br> 1 cup honeydew melon <br> 1 cup cooked carrots <br> 1 cup frozen <br> Yogurt w/ 1 Tbsp granola |

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| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/2 grapefruit <br> 2 slices whole wheat toast w/ 2 Tbsp almond or peanut butter 1 med orange Coffee or tea | 6 oz nonfat yogurt $1 / 2$ cup diced fruit | Chicken sandwich: <br> 21/2 oz chicken breast <br> (no skin) <br> 2 slices tomato <br> 2 pieces lettuce <br> 2 Tbsp BBQ sauce <br> 1 slice low fat Swiss cheese <br> 1 deli roll (bread) <br> 1 cup 3-bean salad <br> 1 cup skim milk | 2 corn tortillas 2 Tbsp guacamole | 3 oz salmon, grilled $1 / 2$ cup each: steamed broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini, onion w/ 1 oz cheddar cheese 1 cup berries in 1 cup skim milk |

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## Day 5

| Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 poached eggs w/ 1 Tbsp salsa 1 bagel w/ 1 Tbsp light cream cheese 1 cup skim milk 1 cup mixed fresh fruit Coffee or tea | 1 string cheese 10 almonds | 1 Gardenburger® <br> 1 lettuce leaf <br> 1 tomato slice <br> 1 slice onion <br> 1 whole grain bun <br> 1 medium peach <br> $1 / 2$ cup coleslaw: shredded <br> cabbage + $1 / 2$ Tbsp low fat <br> mayonnaise | 10 baby carrots 1 Tbsp peanut butter | 3 oz skinless chicken breast <br> 1 large baked sweet potato w/ skin 1 cup green beans steamed <br> 1 whole wheat roll 1 tsp olive oil Caesar salad: <br> 1 cup Romaine <br> 2 Tbsp croutons <br> 2 Tbsp low fat <br> Caesar dressing <br> $1 / 2$ cup frozen yogurt <br> 1 cup berries |

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