Tailgating Tips

Try This Clever Twist On Classic Tailgate Food

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Hard Iced Tea

(NAPSA)—Whether you're tailgating before a game or at a concert, or simply barbecuing in the backyard, a great way to shake up any occasion is to bring an unexpected twist to an otherwise simple dish. Take a classic hot dog and twist things up by adding a splash of hard iced tea to create these delicious Twisted Tea Candied Bacon-Wrapped Hot Dogs.

The combination of sweet and salty is enhanced by the added flavor of hard iced tea for a fun dish that twists up any occasion. For your next outdoor celebration follow along with this easy recipe:

Twisted Tea Candied Bacon-Wrapped Hot Dogs

Hot Dogs:
1 16-oz. package regular sliced
smoked bacon
15 hot dogs
15 bamboo skewers

Twisted Tea Candied Sauce:
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup Twisted Tea
Crunchy Topping:
8 oz. bag potato chips
¼ cup brown sugar
1 gallon sealable bag

Skewer hot dogs. Wrap bacon in a spiral around hot dogs from one end to the other. Place on a sheet pan and refrigerate. In a sealable bag, combine potato chips and brown sugar. Use hands and smash mixture until pieces are small like confetti. Place in a small cake pan and set aside. Prepare candied sauce by combining brown sugar and Twisted Tea in a small saucepan on side burner of grill (or use a tabletop propane burner). On high heat, keep stirring sauce until bubbly.

Turn down heat to low and simmer until consistency of thick syrup. Keep warm. Grill hot dogs at front edge of grill so skewers are not on direct heat. Quarter turn hot dogs every 3 minutes until bacon is browned. Baste hot dogs with the Twisted Tea candied sauce and immediately roll in crunchy potato chip topping.

Go a step beyond this tailgate twist and surprise your guests with a refreshing beverage with a kick. Twisted Tea has 5 percent ABV, making it an excellent alternative to light beer, especially during casual daytime get-togethers. Brewed with real tea leaves, this hard iced tea comes in a variety of flavors, Twisted Tea Original and Twisted Tea Half & Half being the most popular. Twisted Tea Half & Half combines classic flavors of iced tea and lemonade for a refreshing balance of flavor. Additional fruit flavors are also available.

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