

ENTERTAINING IDEAS

At-Home Entertainers Sweeten The Deal

(NAPSA)—If at-home entertaining is on the menu, there are ways to make the party easy and memorable.

Party planners suggest serving foods that are easy to prepare and get your guests involved. For instance, stock up on frozen fruit bars that can be shaken into fun, fruity drinks in a snap. Plus, because they come in a number of flavors, you can let guests create their own custom beverages.

Offer a variety of pre-made dips, guacamole and hummus along with an assortment of flatbreads and chips, for easy snacking.

Additional tips for entertaining at home include:

Pick A Theme

Choose a theme for the party that reflects the event you are celebrating. For instance, if you're marking a 25th anniversary, go with an '80s theme. Play '80s music, have '80s movies playing in the background and ask guests to bring or wear an item from the '80s.

Plan Ahead

The more notice you can give to guests, the better. Try to send out invites at least a month in advance and ask people to RSVP within two weeks. That way you have plenty of time to shop and decorate.

Make Memories

Consider handing out disposable cameras and asking guests to take pictures throughout the



Frozen fruit bars can be used to make a number of delicious drinks.

party. Then collect the cameras at the end of the night and post the pictures on a photo-sharing Web site.

Play It Safe

Ask guests to choose designated drivers at the beginning of the party. Then be sure you have plenty of fun food and nonalcoholic drinks for the drivers to enjoy. Also, have the numbers of cab companies on hand and be prepared to let a few guests stay the night if need be.

The following recipes can help you get started. They're made with Dreyer's/Edy's frozen fruit bars that were named winners of the "Best Taste Award" by the American Culinary ChefsBest. Full of real fruit, they can be a great way to help guests get into a party mood.

Frozen Fruit Bar Yogurt Smoothie

Whirl in a blender one Dreyer's/Edy's tangerine, grape or strawberry frozen fruit bar (minus the stick) with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plain or vanilla yogurt for a light and fruity cold drink. Serve immediately.

Fruit Bars Margarita "Bar"

Makes 1 serving

Set up a bar of frozen Dreyer's/Edy's Fruit Bars on ice and invite guests to choose their favorite flavor for these made-to-order Margaritas:

Coarse salt and sugar for rimming glass

1 Dreyer's/Edy's Frozen
Lime, Lemonade,
Tangerine or Strawberry
Fruit Bar

$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce tequila

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup crushed ice

Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lime

Mix equal parts coarse salt and sugar in a bowl. Rub the rim of a glass with tequila or water and dip into salt mixture. Holding fruit bar in wrapper, break into small chunks. Discard wrapper and stick. Place frozen fruit bar pieces, tequila, ice and lime juice in a cocktail shaker. Shake well and pour into prepared glass. Serve immediately.

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