Cooking Corner

Summer Fun For Less

(NAPSA)—Summer is a time for fun and relaxation. For many, the warm weather welcomes a long-awaited trip to a favorite destination, family barbecues and delicious foods, or a visit to the local water park. But getting the most out of your summer doesn't have to break the bank. Just get a little creative and let the fun find you.

Following are a few budgetfriendly activities that are sure to make this summer more magical and memorable than ever:

•Experience nature. Pitch a tent in the backyard with the kids. Pack a light meal of sandwiches and bite-size veggies. For dessert, toast marshmallows and sandwich them between two graham crackers with half of a Nestlé® Crunch® bar and you've got your very own s'more. No fire? Microwave the marshmallows for an equally delicious treat. Don't forget to tell spooky stories with the glow of a flashlight.

•Buy or build your own waterslide. Visit your local home store and purchase a large tarp. Place it on a hill, facing downward. Lay the water hose on the slide and lubricate with dish soap, making sure the water is running constantly. Run, slide and repeat!

• Host a movie day. Create a "ticket booth" by decorating an old appliance box—be sure to cut out windows so the kids can easily buy and sell tickets to friends.



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Write the featured movie and showtime on poster board and place the ticket booth at the house entrance. And don't forget to set up a concession stand full of goodies for those hungry moviegoers. Movie popcorn and confections like Nestlé® Raisinets® and Nestlé® Goobers® are sure to be crowd favorites.

•Beat the heat by making homemade ice cream. "My kids love making their own ice cream," said Chris Garboski, manager at Nestlé Corporate Kitchens (and mother of 6-year-old triplets!). "This recipe for Backyard Fun Chocolate Chip Ice Cream started out as a kindergarten science project but it turned out to be so much more. It's something the kids can help with while getting lots of laughs and learning a bit about science. Plus, it's economical and tastes great."

For more budget-friendly activities and recipe ideas, visit Meals.com or NestleFamily.com.

Backyard Fun Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

(Makes 1 serving)

1 gallon-size plastic food storage bag Ice cubes

1/3 cup rock salt

½ cup NESTLÉ® NESQUIK® Refrigerated Ready-to-Drink Milk Shake or Milk (any flavor)

1 to 2 teaspoons NESTLÉ® TOLL HOUSE® Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels

1 pint-size plastic food storage bag

FILL large bag half full of ice, then add rock salt. Seal the bag.

PLACE Nesquik and morsels into the small bag; seal. Place the small bag inside the large bag and reseal large bag.

SHAKE for 3 to 5 minutes or until the mixture is the consistency of soft ice cream. Remove small bag, wipe off the top and then open it carefully. Enjoy!

Cook's Tip: This recipe will make about 1 scoop of ice cream, so double the recipe if you want more.

Nutritional Analysis Per Serving: 110 calories (35 calories from fat), 4g fat (6%), 2.5g saturated fat (12%), 10mg cholesterol (3%), 90mg sodium (4%), 16g carbohydrates (5%), less than 1g fiber (2%), 14g sugar, 4g protein.