Meal Plan #18

This weekly meal plan includes 5 main dishes, 1 side dish, 1 bread, and 1 dessert. All recipes can be found at <u>GoodCheapEats.com</u> and <u>LifeasMOM.com</u>. Click on the link in this PDF to go directly to the online recipe.



Recipes

- Slow Cooker Meal: Tacos with <u>Salsa Verde Beef</u>
- Grilled Meal: Spice-Rubbed Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Peach Salsa
- Salad Meal: Bacon and Pepper Jack Salad
- Sandwich Meal: Turkey Avocado Baguette Sandwich with Chipotle Mayonnaise
- Convenience Meal: Potstickers with Dipping Sauce
- Side Dish: Grilled Mixed Vegetables
- Bread: Garlic Focaccia
- **Dessert**: <u>Salted Caramel Affogatos</u> (for kids, omit the coffee)

Notes:

This is an easy week! So many of these meals involve prep ahead or someone else (like the Grillmaster or the slow cooker) doing the work for you. Yay!

You will need to buy a small can of chipotle peppers in adobo sauce. Rarely does one recipe of anything use one whole can. When I open a can, I wrap each pepper and a little sauce in plastic wrap and stash them all in a ziptop freezer bag in the freezer. Whenever I need one or two peppers, I pull what I need from the freezer. Voila! Use the entire can and waste not!

Here are some make-ahead tips:

- Start the slowcooker meal in the morning and you are good to go. Nuf said.
- Mix up the tenderloin spice in the morning and set aside. Chop all the salsa ingredients, except for the peach. Leave that for right before serving so the peaches don't turn brown.
- Cook your bacon and prep your salad ingredients in the morning so you have no prep at dinner time.
- Mix up the chipotle mayonnaise and slice your sandwich ingredients in advance so that supper comes together in a snap.
- Make the potsticker sauce hours or even a day in advance and store it in the fridge.

Shopping List

Produce:

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 sweet onion

2 peaches

1/4 chopped cilantro

1/4 cup chopped red onion

1 lemon (or 1 tablespoon juice)

salad greens (enough for your family)

lettuce leaves for sandwiches

4 carrots

2 cucumbers

2 cups cherry tomatoes

4 scallions

fresh basil

1 or 2 avocados

2 tomatoes

3 cloves garlic

fresh ginger (can be purchased in a

tube)

vegetables for grilling—choose your

favorites from bell peppers, hot

peppers, zucchini and summer squash,

mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, and

corn

Dairy:

4 ounces Pepper Jack cheese

Deli/Meat Case:

2 - 3 pounds stewing beef

1 pork tenderloin (about 1 pound)

8 slices cooked bacon

8 ounces sliced deli turkey

Frozen:

frozen potstickers

vanilla bean ice cream

Bakery:

1 or 2 fresh baguettes (depending on size of sandwiches)

Dry / Canned Goods:

corn tortillas

olive oil

sesame oil

soy sauce

rice vinegar

salsa verde (Herdez preferred)

favorite salad dressing or ingredients for

homemade

mayonnaise

1 can chipotle pepper with adobo sauce

2 tablespoons sugar

2 1/4 cup unbleached flour

1 cup whole wheat flour

2 1/2 tablespoons yeast

caramel sauce

Beverages:

4 cups hot espresso or strongly brewed coffee

Spices & Extracts:

chili powder

onion powder

kosher salt

coarse salt

black pepper

dried oregano

dried thyme

paprika

cayenne pepper

crushed red pepper

taco seasoning

garlic powder