#### **BREAKFAST ENERGY BOOSTERS**

## 1. GREEN DETOX SMOOTHIE

- o **INGREDIENTS**:
  - 1 CUP FRESH SPINACH
  - 1 RIPE BANANA
  - 1 GREEN APPLE, CHOPPED
  - 1/2 CUCUMBER, CHOPPED
  - 1 TABLESPOON CHIA SEEDS
  - 1 CUP COCONUT WATER

## o **PREPARATION**:

- 1. COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS IN A BLENDER.
- 2. BLEND UNTIL SMOOTH.
- 3. SERVE IMMEDIATELY.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

- CALORIES: 180
- PROTEIN: 3G
- CARBOHYDRATES: 40G
- FAT: 2G
- FIBER: 8G

## 2. EGG WHITE OMELET WITH SPINACH AND TOMATO

#### o **INGREDIENTS**:

- 4 EGG WHITES
- 1/2 CUP FRESH SPINACH, CHOPPED
- 1 MEDIUM TOMATO, CHOPPED
- 1 TABLESPOON OLIVE OIL
- SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

#### o **PREPARATION**:

- 1. IN A BOWL, BEAT THE EGG WHITES UNTIL FROTHY.
- 2. HEAT OLIVE OIL IN A NON-STICK SKILLET OVER MEDIUM HEAT.
- 3. ADD SPINACH AND TOMATO TO THE SKILLET, SAUTÉ FOR 2-3 MINUTES.
- 4. POUR THE EGG WHITES INTO THE SKILLET AND COOK UNTIL SET.
- 5. SEASON WITH SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE.
- 6. FOLD THE OMELET IN HALF AND SERVE.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

- CALORIES: 120
- PROTEIN: 20G
- CARBOHYDRATES: 5G
- FAT: 5G
- FIBER: 2G

## 3. OAT AND BANANA PANCAKES

- o **INGREDIENTS**:
  - 1 CUP ROLLED OATS

- 1 RIPE BANANA
- 2 EGGS
- 1/2 CUP SKIM MILK
- 1 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA EXTRACT
- 1 TEASPOON GROUND CINNAMON

- 1. BLEND OATS IN A BLENDER TO FORM A FLOUR.
- 2. ADD BANANA, EGGS, MILK, BAKING POWDER, VANILLA, AND CINNAMON. BLEND UNTIL SMOOTH.
- 3. HEAT A NON-STICK SKILLET OVER MEDIUM HEAT AND POUR PORTIONS OF THE BATTER TO FORM PANCAKES.
- 4. COOK UNTIL EDGES ARE FIRM AND BUBBLES APPEAR ON THE SURFACE, THEN FLIP AND COOK THE OTHER SIDE.
- 5. SERVE WITH FRESH FRUIT AND HONEY IF DESIRED.
- o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING, 3 PANCAKES):
  - CALORIES: 250
  - PROTEIN: 10G
  - CARBOHYDRATES: 40G
  - FAT: 6GFIBER: 5G

## 4. NATURAL YOGURT WITH BERRIES AND GRANOLA

#### o **INGREDIENTS**:

- 1 CUP NATURAL YOGURT
- 1/2 CUP MIXED BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES)
- 1/4 CUP HOMEMADE GRANOLA
- 1 TEASPOON HONEY (OPTIONAL)

## o **PREPARATION**:

- 1. PLACE YOGURT IN A BOWL.
- 2. TOP WITH MIXED BERRIES.
- 3. SPRINKLE WITH GRANOLA AND DRIZZLE WITH HONEY IF DESIRED.
- 4. SERVE IMMEDIATELY.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

- CALORIES: 220
- PROTEIN: 10G
- CARBOHYDRATES: 35G
- FAT: 6G
- FIBER: 5G

# 5. OATMEAL WITH HONEY AND WALNUTS

- o INGREDIENTS:
  - 1/2 CUP ROLLED OATS
  - 1 CUP SKIM OR PLANT-BASED MILK

- 1 TABLESPOON HONEY
- 1/4 CUP CHOPPED WALNUTS
- 1 TEASPOON GROUND CINNAMON

- 1. IN A SAUCEPAN, HEAT THE MILK OVER MEDIUM HEAT.
- 2. ADD OATS AND COOK, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY, UNTIL THE MIXTURE THICKENS, ABOUT 5 MINUTES.
- 3. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND STIR IN HONEY AND CINNAMON.
- 4. SERVE IN A BOWL AND TOP WITH CHOPPED WALNUTS.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

CALORIES: 300PROTEIN: 10G

CARBOHYDRATES: 45G

FAT: 10GFIBER: 7G

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## 6. HOMEMADE CEREAL BARS

- o **INGREDIENTS**:
  - 2 CUPS ROLLED OATS
  - 1 CUP CHOPPED ALMONDS
  - 1/2 CUP HONEY
  - 1/2 CUP NATURAL PEANUT BUTTER
  - 1/4 CUP CHIA SEEDS
  - 1/4 CUP RAISINS

#### o **PREPARATION**:

- 1. IN A LARGE BOWL, MIX OATS, ALMONDS, CHIA SEEDS, AND RAISINS.
- 2. IN A SAUCEPAN, HEAT HONEY AND PEANUT BUTTER OVER LOW HEAT UNTIL MELTED AND SMOOTH.
- 3. POUR THE HONEY AND PEANUT BUTTER MIXTURE OVER THE DRY INGREDIENTS AND MIX WELL.
- 4. PRESS THE MIXTURE INTO A PARCHMENT-LINED BAKING DISH.
- 5. REFRIGERATE FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE CUTTING INTO BARS.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER BAR):

CALORIES: 150

PROTEIN: 5G

CARBOHYDRATES: 20G

FAT: 7GFIBER: 3G

#### 7. HUMMUS WITH CARROT AND CUCUMBER STICKS

o **INGREDIENTS**:

- 1 CAN CHICKPEAS, DRAINED AND RINSED
- 2 TABLESPOONS TAHINI
- 1 CLOVE GARLIC
- JUICE OF 1 LEMON
- 2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL
- SALT TO TASTE
- 2 CARROTS, CUT INTO STICKS
- 1 CUCUMBER, CUT INTO STICKS

- 1. IN A FOOD PROCESSOR, COMBINE CHICKPEAS, TAHINI, GARLIC, LEMON JUICE, OLIVE OIL, AND SALT. PROCESS UNTIL SMOOTH.
- 2. ADD A BIT OF WATER IF NECESSARY TO REACH THE DESIRED CONSISTENCY.
- 3. SERVE THE HUMMUS WITH CARROT AND CUCUMBER STICKS.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

- CALORIES: 180
- PROTEIN: 5G
- CARBOHYDRATES: 15G
- FAT: 10G
- FIBER: 4G

# 8. BAKED SWEET POTATO CHIPS

## o **INGREDIENTS**:

- 2 LARGE SWEET POTATOES
- 2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL
- SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE
- DRIED HERBS TO TASTE (OPTIONAL)

#### o **PREPARATION**:

- 1. PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 180°C (356°F).
- 2. WASH AND SLICE THE SWEET POTATOES INTO THIN SLICES.
- 3. IN A BOWL, TOSS THE SWEET POTATO SLICES WITH OLIVE OIL, SALT, PEPPER, AND DRIED HERBS IF USING.
- 4. SPREAD THE SLICES ON A PARCHMENT-LINED BAKING SHEET, WITHOUT OVERLAPPING.
- 5. BAKE FOR 15-20 MINUTES OR UNTIL CRISPY, FLIPPING HALFWAY THROUGH.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

- CALORIES: 120
- PROTEIN: 1G
- CARBOHYDRATES: 20G
- FAT: 4G
- FIBER: 3G

#### 9. DRIED FRUIT AND NUT MIX

o **INGREDIENTS**:

- 1/2 CUP ALMONDS
- 1/2 CUP WALNUTS
- 1/2 CUP CASHEWS
- 1/2 CUP RAISINS
- 1/2 CUP DRIED CRANBERRIES

- 1. IN A LARGE BOWL, MIX ALL DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.
- 2. STORE IN AN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER SERVING):

CALORIES: 200

PROTEIN: 5G

CARBOHYDRATES: 20G

FAT: 12GFIBER: 3G

# 10. DATE AND COCOA ENERGY BALLS

#### o **INGREDIENTS**:

- 1 CUP PITTED DATES
- 1/2 CUP ALMONDS
- 2 TABLESPOONS COCOA POWDER
- 1 TABLESPOON CHIA SEEDS
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA EXTRACT

## o **PREPARATION**:

- 1. IN A FOOD PROCESSOR, BLEND DATES AND ALMONDS UNTIL A DOUGH FORMS.
- 2. ADD COCOA POWDER, CHIA SEEDS, AND VANILLA EXTRACT. PROCESS UNTIL WELL MIXED.
- 3. ROLL INTO SMALL BALLS AND REFRIGERATE FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE SERVING.

# o NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION (PER BALL):

• CALORIES: 100

PROTEIN: 2G

CARBOHYDRATES: 12G

• FAT: 5G

• FIBER: 2G