A WEEK OF HEALTHY LOW-CARB EATING

Trying to lose weight or keep blood sugar levels in balance? A low-carbohydrate diet has proven a successful technique for many. Each day of this plan contains less than 90 g of total carbohydrates (or less than 50 g net carbs, a measure that takes into account dietary fiber content). RECIPES & PHOTOGRAPHY BY JESSE LANE LEE

BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER TOTAL NUTRIENTS Calories: 1,849, Total Fat: 131 g, Sat. Fat: 33 g, Carbs: 57 g, Fiber: 25 g, Sugars: 19 g, Protein: 120 g, Sodium: 2,019 mg, Cholesterol: 964 mg 1 serving Breakfast Egg Bites Creamy Salmon Salad (p. 2) 1 serving Chicken Cauliflower (p. 2, save leftovers) Casserole (p. 3, save leftovers) Calories: 1,826, Total Fat: 116 g, Sat. Fat: 38 g, Carbs: 86 g, Fiber: 37 g, Sugars: 33 g, Protein: 121 g, Sodium: 1,749 mg, Cholesterol: 447 mg 1 serving Chicken Cauliflower 1 serving Chicken Wings with Roasted Minty Green Smoothie (p. 3) Casserole (leftovers, p. 3) Cauliflower & Garlic Spinach (p. 4, save leftovers) Calories: 1,938, Total Fat: 137 g, Sat. Fat: 37 g, Carbs: 43 g, ESD/ Fiber: 19 g, Sugars: 14 g, Protein: 137 g, Sodium: 1,713 mg, Cholesterol: 1,148 mg 1 serving Breakfast Egg Bites Creamy Salmon Salad (p. 2) 1 serving Chicken Wings with Roasted Cauliflower & Garlic Spinach (leftovers, p. 4) (leftovers, p. 2) Calories: 1,884, Total Fat: 131 g, Sat. Fat: 45 g, Carbs: 52 g, Fiber: 24 g, Sugars: 16 g, Protein: 133 g, Sodium: 2,132 mg, Cholesterol: 1,179 mg 1 serving Breakfast Egg Bites 1 serving Chicken Wings with Roasted 1 serving Chicken Cauliflower Cauliflower & Garlic Spinach (leftovers, p. 4) Casserole (leftovers, p. 3) (leftovers, p. 2) Calories: 1,594, Total Fat: 105 g, Sat. Fat: 37 g, Carbs: 67 g, Fiber: 26 q, Sugars: 31 q, Protein: 106 g, Sodium: 1,354 mg, Cholesterol: 285 mg Yogurt Parfait with Melon 1 serving Chicken Cauliflower 1 serving Greek Lettuce Cups & Chia Seeds (p. 5) (p. 5, save leftovers) Casserole (leftovers, p. 3) Calories: 1,683, Total Fat: 112 g, Sat. Fat: 41 g, Carbs: 53 g, Fiber: 20 g, Sugars: 26 g, Protein: 123 g, Sodium: 1,043 mg, Cholesterol: 471 mg Yogurt Parfait with Melon 1 serving Greek Lettuce Cups 1 serving Chicken Wings with Roasted & Chia Seeds (p. 5) Cauliflower & Garlic Spinach (leftovers, p. 4) (leftovers, p. 5) Calories: 1,651, Total Fat: 109 g, Sat. Fat: 25 g, Carbs: 72 g, Fiber: 29 g, Sugars: 31 g, Protein: 104 g, Sodium: 1,184 mg, Cholesterol: 256 mg

Creamy Salmon Salad (p. 2)

Minty Green Smoothie (p. 3)

1 serving Greek Lettuce Cups

(leftovers, p. 5)

Breakfast Egg Bites

SERVES 3.

HANDS-ON TIME: **15 MINUTES.**TOTAL TIME: **45 MINUTES.**

These egg and veggie bites can be eaten straight from the fridge, or heated quickly in the toaster oven or microwave.

12 large eggs

1 cup almond flour

½ cup unsweetened almond

or other non-dairy milk

1/2 tsp sea salt

1/4 tsp ground black pepper

1½ cups loosely packed baby spinach, finely chopped

1 cup finely chopped

mushrooms

1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

- **1.** Preheat oven to 350°F and line a 12-count muffin tin with silicone liners.
- **2.** In a large bowl, whisk eggs, almond flour, milk, salt and pepper. Add spinach, mushrooms and cheese and stir until mixed.
- **3.** Divide mixture evenly among muffin liners. Bake until eggs have set, about 30 minutes.

NOTE: If following our Meal Plan, refrigerate leftover egg bites and reheat when called for.

PER SERVING (4 egg bites): Calories: 573, Total Fat: 43 g, Sat. Fat: 11 g, Carbs: 12 g, Fiber: 6 g, Sugars: 3 g, Protein: 38 g, Sodium: 740 mg, Cholesterol: 767 mg

Creamy Salmon Salad

SERVES **1.** HANDS-ON TIME**: 15 MINUTES.**TOTAL TIME: **15 MINUTES.**

This nutritious salad hits all the marks for satisfaction: a variety of flavors and textures, ease of prep and balanced nutrition. The creamy sauce is the perfect complement to the crunchy veggies and hearty salmon.

16-oz wild salmon fillet

2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

1 tbsp full-fat plain Greek yogurt

1 tbsp apple cider vinegar

1/8 tsp each sea salt and ground black pepper

2 cups baby spinach

1 tomato, diced

1 stalk celery, diced

1/4 red onion, thinly sliced

1/4 cup chopped almonds

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Place salmon on a 12-inch square piece of parchment paper. Fold ends of parchment together and crimp the edges, creating a pouch around salmon. Bake until salmon is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork, about 10 minutes.
- **2.** Meanwhile, prepare dressing. In a bowl, whisk together oil, yogurt, vinegar, salt and pepper.
- **3.** Assemble salad: In a bowl, toss spinach, tomato, celery and onion with dressing. Transfer to a plate and top with salmon and almonds.

PER SERVING (1 recipe): Calories: 665, Total Fat: 47 g, Sat. Fat: 7 g, Carbs: 18 g, Fiber: 7 g, Sugars: 7 g, Protein: 43 g, Sodium: 430 mg, Cholesterol: 82 mg

Chicken Cauliflower Casserole

SERVES **4.** HANDS-ON TIME: **20 MINUTES.**TOTAL TIME: **55 MINUTES.**

Tender riced cauliflower makes the low-carb base for this comforting casserole that boasts southwestern flavors.

CASSEROLE

1 head	d cauliflower, cut into florets			
2 cups	shredded cheddar cheese, divided			
2 cups	cooked shredded chicken			
2 cups	diced tomatoes			
1 cup	chopped celery			
1 cup	diced red onion			
1 cup	chopped fresh cilantro			
1-2 tbsp	hot sauce			
½ tsp	each ground cumin, sea salt and ground black pepper			
1/4 tsp	dried oregano			

TOPPINGS

2	avocados, sliced	
½ cup	full-fat plain Greek yogurt	
4 tbsp	sliced green onions	

1 lime, cut into 4 wedges

1. Prepare casserole: Preheat oven to 350°F. In a food processor, pulse cauliflower florets to a rice-like size. (You'll need about 3 cups.)

2. Place riced cauliflower in a large bowl. Add three-quarters of cheese, chicken, tomatoes, celery, red onion, cilantro, hot sauce, cumin, salt, pepper and oregano; toss until well combined.

3. Spread mixture in an 8 x 12-inch baking dish; top with remaining one-quarter of cheese, cover with foil and bake for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake until cheese is browned, about 10 minutes more.

4. Divide avocado, yogurt, green onions and lime wedges among servings.

NOTE: If following our Meal Plan, refrigerate leftover casserole and toppings separately. Reheat and assemble when called for.

PER SERVING (¼ casserole with toppings): Calories: 611, Total Fat: 41 g, Sat. Fat: 15 g, Carbs: 27 g, Fiber: 12 g, Sugars: 9 g, Protein: 39 g, Sodium: 849 mg, Cholesterol: 113 mg

Minty Green Smoothie

SERVES 1.

HANDS-ON TIME: 10 MINUTES.
TOTAL TIME: 10 MINUTES.

This fresh shake has staying power thanks to the healthy fat and protein provided by the chia seeds and protein powder.

1½ cups	unsweetened almond or other non-dairy milk	
1/2	avocado, peeled and pitted	
1 cup	chopped cucumber	
1 cup	chopped honeydew melon	
2 tbsp	fresh mint	
2 tbsp	chia seeds	
1 scoop	oop vanilla protein powder	
1/2 cup	ice	

In a blender, blend all ingredients until smooth.

PER SERVING (1 recipe): Calories: 515, Total Fat: 28 g, Sat. Fat: 4 g, Carbs: 46 g, Fiber: 19 g, Sugars: 20 g,Protein: 26 g, Sodium: 357 mg, Cholesterol: 35 mg

Chicken Wings

with Roasted Cauliflower & Garlic Spinach

SERVES 4. HANDS-ON TIME: 30 MINUTES. TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR.

By baking these wings on an oven-safe rack elevated over a baking sheet, air can circulate around the wings, making them perfectly crisp. Roasted cauliflower and garlic spinach round out the meal.

WINGS

11/2 tbsp paprika

3/4 tsp garlic powder

1/4 tsp each sea salt and chili powder blend

1/2 **tsp** each ground black pepper and mustard powder

4 lb chicken wings

1 tbsp coconut oil

CAULIFLOWER

1 head cauliflower, cut into florets

1tbsp coconut oil

1tbsp paprika

1tsp garlic powder

1/4 tsp each sea salt and chili powder blend

SPINACH

1 tbsp coconut oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

6 cups loosely packed baby spinach

1 tbsp sliced green onion

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line 2 baking sheets with foil and top 1 with an oven-safe metal rack.

- **2.** Prepare wings: In a large bowl, combine paprika, garlic powder, salt, chili powder, pepper and mustard powder.
- **3.** Add wings to bowl with spices. Add oil and massage spice rub into wings. Place coated wings on rack over baking sheet and bake 45 minutes.
- **4.** On second baking sheet, toss together all cauliflower ingredients; spread in an even layer. After wings have been in oven for 15 minutes, add cauliflower to oven and bake 30 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, in a large skillet on medium-high, heat remaining 1 tbsp oil. Add minced garlic and sauté 30 seconds. Add spinach and sauté until just starting to wilt, 2 minutes. Serve wings with roasted cauliflower and sautéed spinach. Garnish with green onion.

NOTE: If following our Meal Plan, refrigerate leftovers separately and reheat when called for.

PER SERVING (¼ of recipe): Calories: 700, Total Fat: 47 g, Sat. Fat: 19 g, Carbs: 13 g, Fiber: 6 g, Sugars: 4 g, Protein: 56 g, Sodium: 543 mg, Cholesterol: 299 mg

Yogurt Parfait

with Melon & Chia Seeds

SERVES 1.

HANDS-ON TIME: **5 MINUTES.** TOTAL TIME: **5 MINUTES.**

This simple parfait is ultra satisfying with sweet melon, creamy yogurt and crunchy nuts and seeds.

1 cup full-fat plain Greek yogurt

1/2 cup diced honeydew melon

1/4 cup chopped almonds

2 tbsp chia seeds

Place yogurt in a serving bowl. Top with melon, almonds and seeds.

PER SERVING (1 recipe): Calories: 512, Total Fat: 31 g, Sat. Fat: 8 g, Carbs: 32 g, Fiber: 11 g, Sugars: 18 g, Protein: 32 g, Sodium: 108 mg, Cholesterol: 33 mg

Greek Lettuce Cups

SERVES **3**. HANDS-ON TIME: **15 MINUTES.**TOTAL TIME: **25 MINUTES.**

These lettuce cups feature traditional Greek flavors that come together in less than 30 minutes, making it a great option for weekday meals.

1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

1 lb ground lamb

1/2 **tsp** each garlic powder and ground black pepper

1/4 tsp each dried oregano and sea salt

6 large Bibb or romaine lettuce leaves

1 tomato, diced

1 cup diced cucumber

1/4 cup diced red onion

3/4 cup crumbled goat cheese

6 tbsp full-fat plain Greek yogurt

3 tbsp chopped fresh mint

1. In a large skillet on medium-low, heat oil. Add lamb, garlic powder, pepper, oregano and salt; cook until no longer pink, stirring occasionally, about 7 minutes.

2. Assemble lettuce wraps: Place lettuce leaves on a plate. Divide lamb mixture among lettuce leaves. Divide tomato, cucumber, onion and cheese over top. Top with yogurt and mint.

NOTE: If following our Meal Plan, refrigerate leftover components separately. Reheat lamb and assemble with toppings when called for.

PER SERVING (2 lettuce cups): Calories: 471, Total Fat: 34 g, Sat. Fat: 14 g, Carbs: 8 g, Fiber: 3 g, Sugars: 4 g, Protein: 35 g, Sodium: 397 mg, Cholesterol: 139 mg

SHOPPING LIST

PROTEINS & DAIRY		NUTS, SEEDS & OILS
	1 dozen large eggs	$\ \square$ 1 bottle extra-virgin olive oil
	1 qt unsweetened non-dairy milk	☐ 1 jar coconut oil
	10 oz boneless skinless chicken breast	\square 1 bag almond flour
	(or 2 cups cooked shredded chicken)	☐ 5 oz whole almonds
	4 lb chicken wings	☐ 1 bag chia seeds
	3 6-oz wild salmon fillets	
	1 lb ground lamb	DANITRY CTARLES
	128-oz container full-fat plain Greek yogurt	PANTRY STAPLES
	8 oz shredded Cheddar cheese	☐ 1 bottle hot sauce
	12 oz goat cheese	☐ 1 bottle apple cider vinegar
	1 carton vanilla protein powder	1 bottle chili powder blend
		1 bottle ground cumin
\ /F		1 bottle garlic powder
VEGGIES & FRUITS		1 bottle mustard powder
	1 honeydew melon	\square 1 bottle dried oregano
	3 avocados	☐ 1 bottle paprika
	2 cucumbers	☐ 1 bottle sea salt
	2 heads cauliflower	$\ \square$ 1 bottle ground black pepper
	1 head celery	
	2 red onions	
	1 bunch green onions	
	4 oz mushrooms	
	1 lb baby spinach	
	1 head Bibb or romaine lettuce	
	1 head garlic	
	1 lime	
	1 bunch fresh cilantro	
	1 bunch fresh mint	
	8 vine tomatoes	