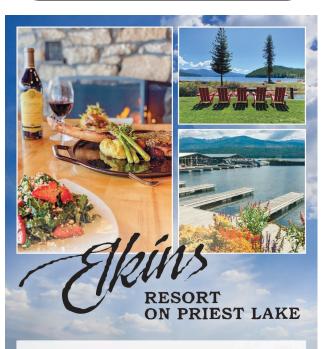


friends, soaking in the sun's rays and enjoying outdoor living with warm-weather activities. Complement this year's summertime excitement with food that matches your enthusiasm for the season. Your menu can start with a fruity dip and a salad before diving into steak for the main course and a kidfriendly treat to top it all off. These recipes make the most of what summer has to offer with fresh fruits and veggies, bright and refreshing greens, tender cuts of meat and frozen treats that celebrate those memorable moments together.

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# **Dip Up a Good Time**

Whether your summer days include planning extravagant meals or your on-the-go lifestyle calls for quick and easy recipes, simple snacks can fit a wide variety of menus. Dips are a perfect solution for afternoon pick-me-ups or evening appetizers when the whole family comes together.

This Apple Guacamole can be made in mere minutes, making it an ideal shareable among loved ones, by combining mashed avocados and seasonings with chopped Granny Smith apple pieces.

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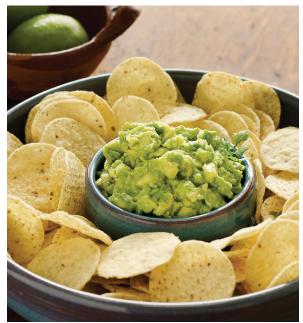
### Apple Guacamole

Recipe adapted from the Meredith Corporation Prep time: 10 minutes Servings: 8-10

- 3 ripe avocados, halved and pitted 1/2 cup finely chopped
- Vidalia onion 1/2 cup snipped fresh
- cilantro 1 lime, juice only

bottled hot pepper sauce, to taste Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped kosher salt, to taste tortilla chips

In bowl, use fork to mash avocados, onion, cilantro, lime juice and hot pepper sauce to desired consistency. Stir in apple and season with salt, to taste. Serve with tortilla chips.



# A Truly Memorable **Summer** Menu

# Go for Satisfying Summer Greens

Many summer meals start with a simple yet satisfying appetizer: salad. This year, make sure you set the table with a bright, delightful bowl of greens that sets the tone for an enjoyable and festive meal with loved ones.

This Apple, Strawberry, Blueberry Salad calls for an array of fruits, including a homemade blueberry dressing, paired with Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix for a fresh and flavorful base with pecan halves to add crunch. The salads are thoroughly washed, rinsed and gently dried then sealed in Keep-Crisp bags to maintain freshness

Find more salad inspiration at freshexpress.com.

## Apple, Strawberry, Blueberry Salad

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil salt, to taste pepper, to taste
- 2 large apples
- packages (6 ounces each) Fresh Express 2 **5-Lettuce Mix**
- pint strawberries, cut in half
- pint blueberries
- 1/2 cup pecan halves, toasted
- blueberry dressing

To make blueberry dressing: In blender, process blueberries, balsamic vinegar, honey, lemon juice, olive oil and salt and



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Total Time: 30 minutes Servings: 6 **Blueberry Dressing:** 

2 cups fresh blueberries

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar tablespoons honey

pepper, to taste, until smooth. Set aside.

To prepare salad: Cut apples into 1/4-inch thick slices. Using 1-1/2-inch diameter star-shaped cutter, cut apple slices into stars

Place lettuce mix in large bowl; add apples, strawberries and blueberries. Sprinkle with pecans. Before serving, drizzle each salad with blueberry dressing.



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## **Sweet, Summery Treats**

After some fun in the pool and time spent in the sun, a cooling treat is often the perfect way to cap off a summer day. Fresh fruits make those sweet eats even tastier and easier by making dessert in the morning and letting it freeze while you enjoy the warmth outdoors.

These Watermelon Berry Frozen Pops make dessert about as simple as possible by blending watermelon, blueberries, raspberries and honey before adding to ice pop molds and freezing throughout the day. With the addition of refreshing watermelon, you're opting for a flavorful fruit that includes just 80 calories and no fat while providing an excellent source of vitamin C (25%) and higher levels of lycopene (12.7 milligrams per 2-cup serving) - an antioxidant being studied for its role in sun protection - than any other fresh fruit or vegetable.

To find more summertime snacks, meals and treats, visit watermelon.org.

### Watermelon Berry Frozen Pops

Servings: 8

- 6 cups watermelon
- cup blueberries, divided
- cup raspberries, divided 1
- 3 tablespoons honey

In blender, blend watermelon, 1/2 cup blueberries, 1/2 cup raspberries and honey until smooth. Press through fine mesh strainer to remove pulp and seeds.

Fill ice pop molds 3/4 full with liquid. Add remaining whole blueberries and raspberries to molds. Insert sticks and freeze at least 4 hours, or until completely frozen.