

Peaches Served In A Boat

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Fresh peaches deserves a presentation! For your party this weekend, serve a handsome watermelon boat piled high with seasonal fresh fruits plus a dip or two.

Serve on the patio or in the backyard where breezes are gentle and you will rate guests from weather weary guests.

For the "boat," select a large watermelon. Cut off the top fourth lengthwise. Scoop out enough of the inside to make room for fruit and reserve pulp to form melon balls. Scalloped the edge for a decorative touch. You may prefer to have in shape of a basket, then leave a strip about one inch across the center for the handle.

Fill with a variety of fresh summer fruits, keeping in mind color and flavor contrasts. Consider a variety such as this sliced peaches, nectarines and bananas; fresh pineapple cut into miniature spears or chunks; halved and pitted Bing cherries; apricot halves; strawberries; blueberries, halved or whole with stems; melon balls from cantaloupe and watermelon.

If desired, marinate fruit for a minimum of two hours in rum or brandy.

Brush all fruits that turn brown with lemon juice.

Some guests may prefer fruit "as is," you need only toothpicks for spearing.

Others may prefer a dip. Among the possibilities are whipped cream cheese with grated lemon or orange rind and lemon juice, sour cream or sweetened whipped cream. Sherbet may also be placed on top of the boat before serving.

Versatile peaches inspires these recipes for your trying.

FROZEN PEACHES 'N' CREAM

Number of Servings 8

1½ c. crushed vanilla wafers
¾ c. melted butter or margarine

2 T. orange juice
1 T. lemon juice
½ lb. marshmallows (about 20)

1 c. crushed fresh peaches
1 c. heavy cream, whipped

Combine wafer crumbs and melted butter, pat evenly over sides and bottom of 8" square cake pan or 9" pie pan. Combine fruit juices, heat to boiling. Add marshmallows and stir until dissolved, cool, add peaches. Fold in whipped cream, pour into wafer crust. Freeze 3 to 4 hours or until firm.

FRESH PEACH PIE

1 small (8-oz.) can fresh frozen orange juice

1 c. sugar
1 T. cornstarch
1 t. almond flavoring
3 fresh peaches
1 baked pastry shell
½-1 c. whipping cream flavored to taste with sugar and vanilla

Dilute orange juice with 2 cups water, add sugar and cornstarch. Cook until thickened and bubbling. Add almond flavoring. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Slice fresh peeled peaches into pre-baked pie shell. Cover with filling and let stand for about 1 hour. Cover with whipped cream and serve. Garnish top with sliced peaches if desired.

SPICED PEACH SALAD

Number of Servings 8-10

1 can spiced peaches
2 pkg. orange gelatin
2 c. hot water
1 c. peach juice
1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 c. cold water
¾ c. crushed pineapple
½ c. nuts, chopped
½ c. celery, chopped
½ c. pimento (opt.)

Place peaches in a mold with round side down. Dissolve 1 package orange gelatin in 1 cup hot water. Add 1 cup peach juice. Pour over peaches. Let set. Dissolve remaining gelatin in 1 cup hot water. While it is hot, beat in cream cheese. Add 1 cup cold water or peach juice. Pour over molded layer. Chill until firm. Add pineapple, nuts, celery and pimento. Pour over molded layer. Chill until firm.



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