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INTRODUCTION

Why Should I Detox My Brain?

The foods you eat are either medicine or poison.

I'm often asked "What should I eat to help my memory, to gain more energy, to slow down aging, to reduce pain, to fight illness and disease ..." The list is endless. Many of you have asked me for a meal plan to follow as you embark on a journey to regain or boost your health. Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N

This 10-Day Brain Boost Cookbook includes my favorite recipes blended into a 10-Day meal plan anyone can follow. Simple, delicious recipes, with high-quality nutrition, designed to supply your brain and body with medicinal quality food to give you the boost you're looking for. Did you know your body creates a new set of taste buds every 10 days?

The war for health is one that the food industry and advertisers have been winning for far too long. For decades they have been advancing their technology and strategies to hijack your taste buds, your brain, and your body. For those who are unaware, it's too easy to be a prisoner of war to their technology, addictive concoctions, and food-like substances. This war has been stealing the health, wealth, and happiness of Americans (and other nations who have adopted the standard American diet) for far too long. The good news is that you can break these chains, starting today, and it's easier than you think! It's not brain surgery; it's brain science!

Get started today with this 10-Day Brain Boost Meal Plan for your success. This book is based on the guidelines of Feel Better Fast AND Make It Last, a lifestyle anyone can easily adopt for the rest of their lives. Join thousands of others throughout the world who are improving their health and longevity.

Your new life begins with Day 1 of your Brain Boost Meal Plan.



BASIC GUIDELINES

Meat, Poultry & Fish:

Choose meats and poultry that are organic, grass-fed, free-range, hormone-free, and antibiotic-free. Fish should be wild, hormone-free and antibiotic-free.

Bison Mackerel Skinless Turkey

Herring Shrimp Tuna

Lamb Skinless Chicken Wild Salmon

Oils & Spices:

Include the following oils and spices in your diet to support healing and are scientifically proven to boost brain health:

Almond Oil Cloves Macadamia Nut Oil Rosemary Basil Coconut Oil Saffron Marjoram Black Pepper Coriander Mint Sage Olive Oil Cayenne Pepper Curry Thyme

Chili Powder Dill Oregano
Cilantro Garlic Nutmeg
Cinnamon Ginger Parsley

Vegetables:

Choose fresh, organic vegetables such as:

Artichokes Cucumbers Broccoli Spinach Asparagus Brussels Sprouts Green Beans Tomatoes Avocados Cabbage Kale Sauash Bean Sprouts Cauliflower Mushrooms Watercress Bell Peppers Celery Sweet Potatoes Onions Chard Zucchini Bok Choy Romaine Lettuce

Pantry & Refrigerator:

Stock your pantry with brain boosting ingredients.

- Condiments for dipping (hummus, guacamole, salsa)
- Dried beans and lentils in limited amounts
- Eggs: choose cage-free, organic, DHA enriched eggs from vegetarian-fed chickens
- Milk alternatives: almond, coconut, hemp, rice
- Nut butters and spreads (almond and coconut butter)
- Protein Powder
- Pure Wrap coconut wraps
- Quinoa
- Raw, unsalted seeds (chia, flax, hemp) and nuts

- Small amounts of fresh and frozen fruit: best choices are organic strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries
- Super-foods (such as maca root, goji powder, lucuma, and pomegranate) that magnify health supporting processes
- Sweeteners such as stevia extract and erythritol
- Tamari sauce
- Vegenaise
- Vegetables of all kinds (except white potatoes and night shades)

BASIC GUIDFIINES

Foods To Ditch:

Food is medicine or it is poison. Purge your pantry of food that increases inflammation, leads to addiction and ultimately to sickness. Replace unhealthy food with nutrition-packed alternatives. I recommend an abundance of food that serves you - not deprivation! Being sick, that's deprivation.

- Bread, pasta, tortillas, and other foods that contain gluten
- Breakfast cereals (e.g. oatmeal) •
- Condiments such as ketchup, soy sauce, and barbecue sauce that contain sugar, artificial ingredients, excessive salt, or gluten
- Corn (e.g. popcorn, cornbread, and popped corn chips)
- Dairy foods such as milk, cheese, cream, yogurt, and ice cream
- Foods that contain genetically modified ingredients

- Foods that contain highfructose corn syrup or trans (hydrogenated) fats
- Foods that contain sugar, artificial sweeteners, or soy
- Fruit juice (even 100% fresh!)
- Grain-based foods (rice, wheat, barley, and rye)
- Jams, jellies, or pancake syrup
- Most cooking oils (e.g. corn, safflower, canola, soy)
- Processed frozen dinners
- Processed meats such as lunch meats
- Farm raised fish
- Pork and ham

- Salty processed snacks (potato chips, popcorn, pretzels, nacho chips, crackers)
- Sugary processed snacks (cakes, cookies, cupcakes, candy)
- Sweetened drinks such as fruit punch, lemonade and soda
- White potatoes
- Commercially raised beef and poultry
- Processed meats such as bacon, sausage, pepperoni, hot dogs, and lunch meats

BASIC GUIDFIINES

Replace...Don't Erase

Replace

Cheese & Butter



With

Avocados



Replace

Dairy



With

Almond & Coconut Milk



Replace

Mayonnaise



With

Hummus



Replace

Bread



With

Lettuce or **Coconut Wraps**



10-DAY BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

	BREAKFAST	SNACK	LUNCH	SNACK	DINNER
DAY 1	Apple Spice Smoothie	Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies	Warm Quinoa Spinach Salad	Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with 1 Apple	Grilled Rosemary Chicken with Veggies and ½ of a Sweet Potato
DAY 2	Antioxidant Energizing Smoothie	Split Pea Hummus with Cut Veggies	Applegate turkey, avocado wrap (coconut or persimmon)	Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with Brain In Love Chocolate Bar	Healing Chicken Soup
DAY 3	Tanana Pancakes	Devil-Less Eggs with Veggies	Happy Apple Crunch Salad	Coca Banana Delight	Cucumber Mint Salad with Chicken
DAY 4	Mindful Mint Cacao Smoothie	Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies	Roasted Vegetable Salad	Brain In Love Chocolate Bar	Happy Brain Halibut With Pesto Cream Sauce and Veggies
DAY 5	Crustless Quiche For Clarity	Mediterranean Tray with Cut Veggies	Sausage In Green Blankets	Nut butter (not peanut) with 1 Peach	Sesame Citrus Kale Salad With Chicken
DAY 6	Power Breakfast Porridge	Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies	Shrimp Spring Rolls	Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with Brain In Love Chocolate Bar	Spiced Cacao Turkey Chili
DAY 7	Morning Mocha Smoothie	Traditional Hummus with Cut Veggies	Perky Turkey Tacos with Guacamole	Apple slices with nut butter (not peanut)	Sizzling Shrimp Kabobs
DAY 8	Super Berry Power Smoothie	Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies	Antiox Detox Chop Salad	Superfood Protein Bar	Brain Boosting BBQ Chicken Salad
DAY 9	Berry Clear Morning Smoothie	Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies	Asian Fusion Chicken Salad	Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with 1 Apple	Pomegranate Pepita Salad with Salmon
DAY 10	Berry Smart Breakfast Crepes	Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies	Quinoa Kale Salad	Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with 1 Apple	Easy Does It Bison Steak with Salad and Veggies





Day 1

"Concentrate on consuming brain-smart calories"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Take the 5-minute Brain Health Assessment. brainhealthassessment.com
- 3. Have a blood test to get your important numbers checked.
- 4. Schedule your exercise for the next 10 days.
- 5. Start a journal and rate your mood, energy, focus, self-control. Rate them on a scale of 1-10.
- 6. Pick a buddy or small group to encourage you and keep you on track.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Apple Spice Smoothie

Snack

Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Warm Quinoa Spinach Salad

Snack

Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with 1 Apple

Dinner

Grilled Rosemary Chicken, veggies, ½ of a sweet potato



Apple Spice Smoothie



SERVES FOR 2 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

246 calories12g fat9.6g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 112mg sodium 24g carbohydrates 8g fiber 12.8g sugar 13.2g protein

Ingredients:

1 large apple

16-20 oz. cold water (or unsweetened almond milk)
Handful of ice

2 cups baby spinach

1 chard leaf (or 2 kale leaves) torn from stem

2 scoops vanilla or chocolate flavored protein powder (pea protein, sweetened with stevia)

1½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice (premixed spice blend) or use the following 3:

1 teaspoon cinnamon

¼ teaspoon ground cloves

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

2 droppers full of vanilla creme flavored liquid stevia

2 tablespoons avocado butter or coconut butter

Optional and recommended ingredients (any or all):

1 scoop freeze dried greens

1 tablespoon flax, hemp or chia seeds

1 tablespoon fiber (inulin or glucomannan)

Only for the adventurous (try adding one or two of the following for fun):

1 teaspoon maca powder

1 teaspoon pomegranate powder

1 teaspoon acai powder

1 teaspoon camu camu powder

1 teaspoon bee pollen

1 tablespoon aloe gel

Preparation:

- 1. Add all ingredients to blender bowl (preferably high-powered blender).
- 2. Turn blender on low at first, then increase speed for about 30 seconds.
- 3. Add additional water or ice as needed to achieve desired consistency.
- 4. Pour into two large glasses and serve cold.





DAY 1: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Wholly Guacamole



SERVES FOR 8 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

61 calories 5.3g fat 0.7g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol3mg sodium3.9g carbohydrates

2.5g fiber0.6g sugar0.8g protein

Ingredients:

2 ripe avocados, peeled and pitted 1/4 cup red onion, peeled and finely chopped 2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice 1/2 ripe tomato, seeded and diced 1/2 teaspoon sea salt (optional)

Preparation:

- In medium bowl, mash avocado with a fork until smooth. (Some chunks are fine if you like chunky guacamole).
- 2. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Serve cold.

Tips:

▶ Refrigerate guacamole without tomatoes and add them just before serving.

DAY 1: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Warm Quinoa Spinach Salad



SERVES FOR 6 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

184 calories8.4g fat2.6g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 261mg sodium 21.2g carbohydrates 2.8g fiber0.9g sugar7g protein



Ingredients:

3-4 tablespoons vegetable broth for sautéing, or 2 teaspoons refined coconut oil

¼ cup onion, peeled and finely diced

4 garlic cloves, minced or 2 teaspoons pre-minced, jarred garlic

1 tablespoon refined coconut oil

1 cup quinoa, rinsed

2 cups vegetable broth or water

1 bunch asparagus tips

2 handfuls fresh spinach, chopped

1 tablespoon fresh sage, or 1 teaspoon dried

2 tablespoons fresh chopped chives, or 1 teaspoon dried chives

¼ cup raw pine nuts

2 tablespoon Bragg Liquid Aminos (optional)



Preparation:

- 1. Heat vegetable broth or 2 teaspoons coconut oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onions and sauté for 1 minute.
- 2. Add garlic and sauté for an additional minute.
- 3. Add 1 tablespoon of coconut oil to garlic and onions. Add quinoa and stir well to coat lightly with oil.
- 4. Turn heat up to medium high and stir quinoa constantly for about 10 minutes or until quinoa is lightly toasted.
- 5. Add 2 cups vegetable broth or water and increase heat to high. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer for 15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed.
- 6. Add asparagus tips to quinoa during last 2 minutes of cooking. This will give you crunchy asparagus and ensure that they are not overcooked. If you prefer softer veggies you may steam or sauté them separately and add them.
- 7. Mix the spinach into the quinoa while the quinoa is still warm. It will wilt the spinach without overcooking it, thus retaining most of the nutritional value.
- 8. Optional: You may want to toss salad with 1 tablespoon of refined coconut oil or olive oil to give the salad a nice texture.
- 9. Add sage, chives and pine nuts and stir well. Add salt and pepper to taste. Season with Bragg Liquid Aminos, if desired, and serve warm.

DAY 1: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Go-Well Trail Mix



SERVES FOR 6 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

373.9 calories28.9g fat11.9g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol0mg sodium36.4g carbohydrates

10.2g fiber0g sugar6.9g protein

Ingredients:

¼ cup raw cashews

¼ cup raw slivered almonds

¼ cup raw walnuts

¼ cup halved pecans

¼ cup chopped macadamia nuts

¼ cup raw cacao nibs

2 tablespoons goji berries, unsweetened

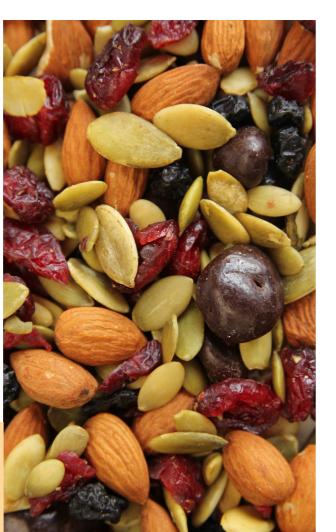
2 tablespoons golden berries or golden raisins

2 tablespoons shaved coconut, unsweetened

¼ cup sugar-free dark chocolate chips (Lilly's Brand)

Preparation:

1. Mix all ingredients well and store in an airtight container until ready to use.



DAY 1: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Grilled Rosemary Chicken



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

648 calories 14.5g fat 0.1g saturated fat 358mg cholesterol 287mg sodium 1.4g carbohydrates 0.5g fiber 0g sugar 119g protein

Ingredients:

4 organic, skinless chicken breasts (4-6 ounces each)

1-2 tablespoons minced garlic

1 tablespoon minced parsley

1 tablespoon minced rosemary

2 teaspoons avocado oil

% teaspoon salt and ground black pepper combined (optional)

- 1. Heat grill. (Consider using a stove top grill for smaller portions.)
- In medium to large bowl, rub chicken breasts with garlic, parsley, rosemary and grapeseed oil. Hold until ready to cook.
- 3. Grill chicken about 4 to 5 minutes on each side until fully cooked. Chop or slice chicken.







Day 2

"Make (zero-calorie) water your beverage of choice"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Clean out and re-stock your kitchen. No cheating! And do not give poor quality food to the poor.
- 3. Exercise. Make the time go faster, listen to your favorite music tracks
- 4. Journal. Write 5 things you are grateful for.
- 5. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 6. Start reading all food labels.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Antioxidant Energizing Smoothie

Snack

Split Pea Hummus with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Applegate turkey, avocado wrap (coconut or persimmon)

Snack

Go-Well Trail Mix (¼ cup) with Brain In Love Chocolate Bar

Dinner

Healing Chicken Soup



DAY 2: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Antioxidant Energizing Smoothie



SERVES FOR 2 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

324 calories 10.6g fat 4.8g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 250mg sodium 32.2g carbohydrates 10.9g fiber 12g sugar 32g protein

Ingredients:

1 cup fresh pomegranate seeds (in season). Use any fresh, organic berry in place of pomegranate, if necessary

½ cup frozen strawberries (or frozen berry of your choice)

½ cup baby spinach leaves

2 kale leaves torn from stalk (discard the thick stalk, and use only the leafy portion)

1 scoop freeze-dried greens

2 tablespoons chia seeds

1 tablespoon coconut butter

2 scoops vanilla-flavored pea protein powder (sweetened with stevia)

1-2 droppers full vanilla or pomegranate flavored stevia

16 ounces iced tea

8 ounces cold purified water (add purified water to desired consistency) handful of ice

Optional and recommended ingredients:

2 tablespoons pomegranate powder (found in health food stores)

1 tablespoon prebiotic soluble fiber

Preparation:

- 1. Place all ingredients in a blender bowl.
- 2. Mix for about 30 seconds. Do not over blend.
- 3. Pour into two large glasses.





DAY 2: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Split Pea Hummus



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

42 calories 2.7g fat 0.4g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 39mg sodium 3.4g carbohydrates 1.1g fiber0.5g sugar1.4g protein

Ingredients:

1 cup dry split peas

2½ cups purified water

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons tahini paste

½ cup fresh lemon juice

Optional and recommended ingredients:

¼ teaspoon sea salt

- In a medium pan, place split peas, water, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil and Cover. Reduce heat, and simmer for 40 minutes or until the peas are tender and liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally.
- 2. In a food processor place; cooked peas, olive oil, garlic, and tahini. Process until well blended.
- 3. Add lemon juice and salt. Process until smooth and creamy.

DAY 2: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Healing Chicken Soup



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

188 calories6g fat4g saturated fat

46mg cholesterol 199mg sodium 14g carbohydrates 3g fiber 0g sugar 20g protein



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 leeks, halved lengthwise and sliced (white part only)
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 2 boneless, skinless hormone-free, antibiotic-free chicken breasts (4-6 ounces each), cut into large cubes
- 1 cup water
- 5 cups vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon dried marjoram
- ½ teaspoon dried sage
- 1½ cups green cabbage, shredded
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley or 2 teaspoons
- of dried parsley.
- Salt and pepper to taste.



Preparation:

- 1. In large pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add garlic, bay leaf, celery, leeks, carrot and sweet potato and sauté for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently.
- 2. Add chicken and cook for 4 more minutes.
- 3. Stir in water, vegetable broth, onion powder, marjoram and sage. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.
- 4. Add cabbage and simmer for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper as desired.
- 5. Ladle into soup bowls. Top with parsley and serve hot.





Day 3

"Eat small amounts of protein several times a day."

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Set a goal for yourself and do it every day.
- 3. Journal. Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while and write about your conversation.
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. Visualize the goals you'd like to achieve and what it will take to get you there.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Tanana Pancakes

Snack

Devil-Less Eggs with Veggies

Lunch

Happy Apple Crunch Salad

Snack

Coca Banana Delight

Dinner

Cucumber Mint Salad with Chicken



Tanana Pancakes



SERVES FOR 8-10 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

266.9 calories13.3g fat4.2g saturated fat

279mg cholesterol108mg sodium26.3g carbohydrates

5.2g fiber 13.5g sugar 12.5g protein

Ingredients:

1 cup fresh strawberries, stems removed

3 eggs

1 banana

1 teaspoon almond butter

1 teaspoon coconut oil

2 tablespoons flax meal

1 teaspoon arrowroot

1 teaspoon coconut sugar or maple syrup (optional)

- In advance, blend strawberries in a high-speed blender until mixture is a sauce-like consistency.
 Place sauce in a small serving bowl and set aside.
 Rinse blender.
- 2. Place all ingredients for pancakes in blender and blend on medium speed for 30 seconds or until mixture is smooth. (Instead of using a blender, you may place ingredients in a bowl and use a hand held mixer.)
- Heat a large ceramic nonstick pan or griddle sprayed with a light coat of coconut oil over medium-low heat.
- 4. Ladle small circles of batter onto the heated pan, about 3 inches in diameter (about the size of an average can top). If you make them too large they will burn and be difficult to turn. Watch closely, as they cook quickly, usually about 30 to 45 seconds per side.
- 5. Plate pancakes and spoon a small amount of strawberry sauce over the top.



DAY 3: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Devil-Less Eggs



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

169 calories13.5g fat3.4g saturated fat

327mg cholesterol 153mg sodium 1.2g carbohydrates 0.2g fiber 0.9g sugar 11.3g protein



Ingredients:

12 eggs, cage free

2 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon gluten-free Dijon mustard

½ teaspoon onion powder

½ teaspoon garlic powder

¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Paprika for garnish (optional)

1 tablespoon fresh chives, finely chopped, for garnish (optional)



Preparation:

- 1. Place eggs in large pot with just enough water so the eggs are fully covered. (Don't fill the pot all the way.) Bring water to a boil, then turn heat off and let eggs sit in the hot water for 12 minutes (not longer).
- 2. Fill large bowl with ice water. Remove the eggs and place in ice water until eggs are completely cool.
- 3. Peel eggs, being careful not to damage the whites. Cut eggs lengthwise.
- 4. Gently remove the yolks without damaging the whites. If you lightly squeeze them, the yolk should pop out. Make sure you do this over a bowl.
- 5. Arrange egg white halves directly on a serving platter. Set aside.
- 6. In medium bowl, mash egg yolks, mustard, onion powder, garlic powder, cayenne and olive oil with a fork or rubber spatula until it is smooth and creamy.
- 7. Use a melon scooper or a small spoon to scoop the mixture back into the egg white halves in equal amounts.
- 8. Sprinkle with paprika and chives, if desired.
- 9. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

Happy Apple Crunch Salad



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

152 calories11.7g fat0.9g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 21mg sodium 10g carbohydrates 2.6g fiber 5.6g sugar 4.3g protein

Salad Ingredients:

4-6 cups mixed greens (spinach, romaine, chard, kale, etc.)

1 cup carrot, peeled and julienned or diced small

1 cup cucumber, peeled, julienned or diced small

½ cup walnuts

Optional and recommended ingredients:

Herbs to enhance the flavor of the greens: basil, mint or parsley

Vinaigrette Ingredients:

2 teaspoons rice wine vinegar (sodium and sugar-free or any vinegar you prefer)

2 teaspoons olive oil

¼ teaspoon minced garlic

 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon raw organic honey

Preparation:

- 1. Whisk together the rice wine vinegar, olive oil, garlic and honey and set aside.
- 2. Mix apple, carrot, cucumber, walnuts and greens for the salad.
- 3. Toss salad mixture with the vinaigrette and divide among four plates.



Coco Banana Delight



SERVES FOR 1 PERSON

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

184 calories11.6g fat0.7g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 241mg sodium 17.7g carbohydrates 3.4g fiber4.3g sugar3.7g protein

Ingredients:

¼ banana

1-2 tablespoon almond butter

1 Paleo Wrap

Preparation:

- 1. Spread almond butter on wrap.
- 2. Cut banana into small bite-size pieces and put on wrap.
- 3. Roll wrap with almond butter and banana inside.



DAY 3: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Cucumber Mint Salad



SERVES FOR 6 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

123 calories9 g fat1.4 g saturated fat

0 mg cholesterol 205 mg sodium 11 g carbohydrates 3 g fiber 5.7g sugar 2.4 g protein

Ingredients:

- 1 bunch mint, stems removed
- 1 bunch parsley, stems removed
- 2 cucumbers, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 6 scallions, minced
- 4 tomatoes, seeded and finely chopped
- ½ cup fresh lemon juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ teaspoon Real Salt
- ½ teaspoon paprika

- 1. Finely mince mint and parsley by hand or in food processor, if preferred.
- 2. In large mixing bowl, blend herbs with cucumber, bell pepper, scallions, and tomatoes.
- 3. Add lemon juice, olive oil, and spices.
- 4. Toss and serve.





10-DAY BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Day 4

"Make friends with fat"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Add 10 minutes to your routine.
- 3. Journal. Write down your challenges. Give them a place to live other than your brain.
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. Take steps to regulate your anxiety. Check yourself when anxious and ask yourself if this anxiety is appropriate for the situation. Listen to one of my podcast episodes on dealing with anxiety: brainwarriorswaypodcast.com/episodes

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Mindful Mint Cacao Smoothie

Snack

Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Roasted Vegetable Salad

Snack

Brain In Love Chocolate Bar

Dinner

Happy Brain Halibut With Pesto Cream Sauce and Veggies



DAY 4: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Mindful Mint Cacao Smoothie



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

305 calories 22.2g fat 19.6g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol926mg sodium226.5g carbohydrates3

9.6g fiber 12.6g sugar 3.9g protein

Ingredients:

 $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\protect\belowdex}}}$ apple cored, seeded, and chopped

½ cup banana, slightly green

4-5 fresh mint leaves

1 teaspoon raw cacao

16-20 ounces cold water (or unsweetened almond milk); I prefer water to hydrate first thing in the morning

Handful of ice

2 cups baby spinach

1 chard leaf (or 2 kale leaves) torn from stem

2 scoops vanilla- or chocolate-flavored protein powder

(pea protein, sweetened with stevia)

2 droppers full of liquid stevia (I prefer berry or chocolate flavor)

2 tablespoons coconut butter

Optional and recommended ingredients (any or all):

1 scoop freeze-dried greens

1 tablespoon flax, hemp or chia seeds

1 tablespoon fiber (inulin or glucomannan)

Only for the adventurous (try adding one or two of the following for fun):

1 teaspoon maca powder

1 teaspoon pomegranate powder

1 teaspoon acai powder

1 teaspoon camu camu powder

1 teaspoon bee pollen

1 tablespoon aloe gel

Preparation:

- 1. Add all ingredients to blender bowl (preferably high-powered blender).
- 2. Turn blender on low at first, then increase speed for about 30 seconds.
- 3. Add additional water or ice as needed to achieve desired consistency.
- 4. Pour into two large glasses and serve cold.

Tips:

Prepare iced green tea in advance.



DAY 4: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Roasted Vegetable Salad



6 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

415 calories13.0g fat6.9g saturated fat

122mg cholesterol 373 mg sodium 21.3g carbohydrates 8.1g fiber 8.9g sugar 53.3g protein

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons avocado oil

½ teaspoon pepper

2 red bell peppers, seeded and sliced in thin strips

2 yellow bell peppers, seeded and sliced in thin strips

½ red onion, sliced

2 cups asparagus tips

1 cup jicama, diced

1 cup hearts of palm

1 cup sun-dried tomatoes, sliced

½ cup extra virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard (gluten-free)

1 garlic clove, minced

½ avocado, diced

¼ cup shaved, raw almonds

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 teaspoon raw, unfiltered honey*

½ teaspoon sea salt

1 cup artichoke hearts, diced

Add one of the following:

1lb pan-seared salmon, cut into 1 inch cubes
1lb chicken, cut into 1-inch cubes

1lb seared flank steak, thinly sliced



Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. Lightly oil a large cookie sheet with a two teaspoons of oil. Spread peppers, onions, and asparagus on cookie sheet and brush with remaining oil on both sides. Sprinkle with sea salt and pepper as desired.
- 3. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Turn vegetables halfway through cooking time, after about 15-20 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool for at least 15 minutes.
- 4. Prepare salmon, chicken, or steak according to desired recipe.
- 5. In a large salad bowl, mix jicama, tomatoes, and artichoke hearts. Set aside.
- In a small bowl, combine olive oil, balsamic vinegar, red wine vinegar, mustard, garlic, and honey if desired. Whisk until ingredients blend. Refrigerate until ready for use.

Tips:

- Substitute raw, unfiltered honey* for agave nectar to create a vegan recipe.
- *Raw, unfiltered honey is not appropriate for children under 2 years of age. Use pasteurized honey instead.



DAY 4: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Happy Brain Halibut with Pesto Cream Sauce



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

260 calories 12.2g fat 0.9g saturated fat 53mg cholesterol 167mg sodium 3.2g carbohydrates 1.2g fiber0.9g sugar33.1g protein

Ingredients:

- 4 halibut fillets (4 ounces each)
- 1 teaspoon macadamia nut oil

¼ cup walnuts

- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves or 1/3 cup dried

½ cup spinach leaves

1 tablespoon olive oil

¼-⅓ cup almond milk or ½ cup coconut milk ¼ teaspoon salt and ground pepper combined (optional)

Zest of one lemon (reserve juice to serve with cooked fish)

- 1. In a food processor or blender, prepare pesto cream by blending walnuts, garlic, basil and spinach for 30 seconds.
- 2. Add olive oil and almond cream and blend.
- 3. Add lemon zest and blend; set aside.
- 4. Heat grapeseed oil in large sauté pan over medium heat and sear halibut filets on one side until a golden crust forms and the fish is done on the bottom, 1 to 2 minutes. Gently turn the fish and cover to finish cooking through, about 2 minutes. The fish is ready when it starts to flake.
- 5. While the fish is cooking, in separate small sauce pan, warm pesto cream on medium-low heat and reserve until fish is cooked.
- 6. Plate the fish, squeeze lemon juice over, if desired, and drizzle the pesto on top (about 2 tablespoons per dish). Enjoy!





Day 5

"Choose healthy (high-fiber, blood-sugar-steadying) carbohydrates"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Increase the enjoyment of your workout: Find a fitness friend.
- 3. Journal. Listen to one of your favorite songs and write about your life when you first heard it.
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. Measure once (not 30 times). Know your calories.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Crustless Quiche For Clarity

Snack

Mediterranean Tray with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Sausage In Green Blankets

Snack

Nut butter (not peanut) with 1 Peach

Dinner

Sesame Citrus Kale Salad With Chicken



Crustless Quiche for Clarity



SERVES FOR 6-8 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

158 calories11.1g fat4.7g saturated fat

327mg cholesterol 143mg sodium 3.3g carbohydrates 0.9g fiber1.6g sugar11.7g protein

Ingredients:

1 10oz box frozen spinach (thawed) or 3 cups fresh spinach, sautéed for several minutes

 $\frac{1}{2}$ onion, peeled and finely diced

1 carrot, peeled and shredded

1 teaspoon dried rosemary

1 teaspoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon sea salt (optional)

2 eggs

1 tablespoon ghee or refined coconut oil

8 ounces ground turkey, chicken or bison (optional)

1 teaspoon ghee or coconut oil for greasing baking dish

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
- 2. If adding ground meat, heat ghee or oil in skillet over medium heat. Add turkey, chicken or bison until lightly browned but not cooked through.
- 3. Remove ground meat from skillet and allow to cool for several minutes.
- 4. Mix spinach, onion, carrot, salt and herbs in large bowl.
- 5. Whisk eggs in separate bowl, then add to vegetable and herb blend; mix well.
- 6. Add ground meat to egg and vegetable mixture.
- 7. Pour egg mixture into greased 9 x 9-inch baking pan and bake for about 45 minutes until golden brown and fluffy. (It's normal for quiche to deflate when removed from the oven).
- 8. Cut into squares and serve hot.



DAY 5: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Mediterranean Tray



4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

404 calories 16.1g fat 3.4g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 761mg sodium 55.1g carbohydrates 9g fiber 8.4g sugar 13.4g protein



Ingredients:

4 celery stalks, cut in 2-inch pieces

2 red bell peppers, sliced

2 zucchinis, cut in half and quartered any other vegetable of your choice

 $\ensuremath{\text{\%}}$ cup hummus (recipes detailed in Day 2 and Day 7 of this book)

1 tablespoon pine nuts

¼ cup green olives

8 ounces flax crackers or kale chips (Go Raw® and Rhythm® brands are my favorite)



Preparation:

- 1. Arrange vegetables on a platter.
- 2. Put hummus in a small serving cup and place in the center of the platter.
- 3. Sprinkle the pine nuts over the hummus.
- 4. Spread the olives around the rim of the platter.
- 5. Put the flax crackers or kale chips in a bowl next to the platter.



DAY 5: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Sausage In Green Blankets



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

211 calories 11.3g fat 4.2g saturated fat 98mg cholesterol 76mg sodium 8.2g carbohydrates 2.4g fiber4.1g sugar20.8g protein

Ingredients:

1½ teaspoon coconut oil

½ organic green apple, diced

½ yellow onion, diced

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 pound ground turkey (free-range, antibiotic-free, hormone-free)

1 tablespoon fresh oregano

1 teaspoon sage

1 tablespoon rosemary

1 teaspoon allspice

¼ teaspoon black pepper

16 large iceberg or romaine lettuce leaves

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 tablespoon pure maple syrup ½ teaspoon sea salt

- 1. Heat 1 teaspoon oil in large skillet over mediumhigh heat. Add apple and onion and sauté for 3 minutes.
- 2. Add garlic and sauté for another minute. Remove from pan and allow to cool.
- Mix chicken and remaining ingredients, except lettuce, in a large bowl. When cool enough, add apple and onion mixture to chicken and mix well with hands. Be sure ingredients are well blended.
- 4. You may choose to form sausages into patties or links. Mixture should make about 8 patties or links.
- In the large skillet, add ½ teaspoon more of coconut oil. Heat to medium and add patties or links.
 Reduce heat slightly. Cook for about 3-4 minutes each side, until browned.
- 6. Remove from heat and allow to cool for a couple of minutes. Add sea salt to taste.
- 7. Wrap sausage patties in large iceberg lettuce leaves, or links in Romaine lettuce leaves. This is great served with a small fruit salad.

DAY 5: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Sesame Citrus Kale Salad with Chicken



6 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

215 calories7.6g fat1.3g saturated fat

54mg cholesterol 140mg sodium 14.5g carbohydrates 2.6g fiber7.2g sugar22.6g protein

Ingredients:

8 ounces organic kale, shredded

1/4-1/2 cup cilantro, chopped

2 cara cara or navel oranges, 1 juiced for dressing and

1 peeled and diced for salad

¼ teaspoon sea salt

½ teaspoon ground pepper

1 teaspoon organic honey

1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil

1/2 cup golden raisins

2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

2 tablespoons raw pecans, roughly chopped

3 cups grilled or baked free-range, hormone-free, antibiotic-free chicken, chopped

Preparation:

- 1. Place kale and cilantro in large bowl.
- 2. In small bowl, whisk together the juice of 1 orange, sea salt, ground pepper, honey and sesame oil. Whisk until blended.
- Toss diced orange, raisins, sesame seeds, pecans and dressing with the kale and cilantro. Refrigerate for 30 minutes prior to serving.
- 4. Serve salad on plates and top with chicken. Enjoy!









10-DAY BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Day 6

"Fill your plate with colorful vegetables and fruits"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N

Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with prayer and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Mix it up. Strength and cardio.
- 3. Journal. Go to a beach or park and write about anything that inspires you.
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. Do not allow the food industry to take control of your taste buds.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Power Breakfast Porridge

Snack

Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Shrimp Spring Rolls

Snack

Go-Well Trail Mix (1/4 cup) with Brain In Love Chocolate Bar

Dinner

Spiced Cacao Turkey Chili



Power Breakfast Porridge



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

378.5 calories23.8g fat4.8g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 113.3mg sodium 27.8g carbohydrates 8.2g fiber9.5g sugar19.3g protein

Ingredients:

1-2 cups light coconut milk

2 ripe bananas, mashed

1 cup water (optional)

½ cup hazelnut flour or almond flour

¼ cup flax meal

¼ cup almond butter

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice (premixed spice blend) or use:

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

2 tablespoons raw cacao powder for chocolate flavor (optional)

2 tablespoons pure maple syrup (optional)

2 scoops sugar-free protein powder (pea protein), vanilla or chocolate flavor

Optional Toppings:

2 tablespoons golden raisins

2 tablespoons shredded coconut

2 tablespoons sugar-free dark chocolate chips (Lilly's brand)

- 1. Starting with one cup of coconut milk, combine all ingredients except protein powder in medium saucepan and heat to a slow simmer, stirring, until thick and bubbly.
- 2. Stir in protein powder during last minute of cooking. Add up to 1 cup coconut milk or water to blend in protein powder and create desired consistency.
- 3. Divide evenly into 4 bowls. Sprinkle with your favorite toppings and serve warm.



DAY 6: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Shrimp Spring Rolls



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

442 calories8.7g fat2.5g saturated fat

237mg cholesterol 888mg sodium 51.9g carbohydrates 3.4g fiber4.6g sugar39.3g protein



Ingredients:

1 tablespoon sesame oil
½ cup julienned carrots
4 garlic cloves, minced
½ cup bean sprouts (4 ounces)
½ cup shiitake mushrooms,
sliced
1 Persian cucumber, julienned
8 ounces shirataki noodles
(my favorite brand is Miracle
Noodle®, found online)
1 tablespoon low-sodium
tamari sauce
1 tablespoon fish sauce (glutenfree)

½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped

1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped 8 sheets rice paper wrappers (or you can simply use lettuce wraps) 16 ounces precooked, deveined shrimp, chopped 2 teaspoons coconut oil 8 full-length chives, unchopped

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 egg, (organic, Omega-3) beaten



Preparation:

- 1. Heat oil in a large skillet or wok over high heat.
- 2. Sauté carrots, garlic, bean sprouts, and mushroom for 1 minute. Remove from heat, place in a bowl and set aside. Keep pan handy.
- 3. Boil a pot of purified water. Rinse shirataki noodles and boil for three minutes. Drain well and pat with dry paper towels to remove excess water. Place noodles in a bowl, add fish sauce, tamari sauce, cilantro, and basil. Set aside.
- 4. Fill a large bowl with warm purified water. Dip rice paper wrappers in warm water for 10 seconds, but not long enough for them to tear. Gently dry with a clean towel or paper towel, lay flat on cutting board.
- 5. Place a line of stir-fry mixture on each rice paper wrapper, followed by 2 ounces shrimp, then a small amount of shirataki noodles. Roll rice paper like a burrito, making sure not to overstuff the spring rolls.
- 6. Using fingers, brush the edge of rice paper with beaten egg to help stick and remain closed. Gently place a full-length chive around the middle of each wrap and carefully tie into a knot. Trim any long ends.
- Heat the coconut oil in the stir fry pan on high heat. Place two spring rolls at a time in the pan, just long enough to heat through, turning continuously. Remove the spring rolls and place on plates.

Spiced Cacao Turkey Chili



SERVES FOR 8 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

388 calories6.8g fat3g saturated fat

70mg cholesterol 381mg sodium 41.6g carbohydrates 11.3g fiber4.7g sugar40.4g protein

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon refined coconut oil

1 pound lean ground free-range, hormone-free, antibiotic-free turkey

1 cup chopped onion

3 garlic cloves, chopped

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 small can Ortega green chilies

1 tablespoon fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried

1 tablespoon raw cacao powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon cumin seed

1-2 teaspoons sea salt

3 cups diced tomatoes, fresh (preferably) or organic canned (no-salt-added variety)

2 cups chicken or vegetable broth

2 cups chopped celery

1 cup chopped red bell peppers

½ cup chopped zucchini

2 cups dried kidney beans, cooked and drained (you may use canned if you don't have time to cook beans)

1 cup black beans or chickpea beans, cooked

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 jalapeno pepper, chopped (makes chili pretty spicy)

Preparation:

- In large saucepan or pot over medium heat, add refined coconut oil and brown turkey meat. Crumble turkey and break apart as much as possible. Add onion and stir for about 2 minutes.
- 2. Add garlic, chili powder, Ortega chilies, oregano, cacao, cinnamon, cumin seed, salt, tomatoes and jalapeno (if using). Mix thoroughly until spices are well blended with meat and meat is lightly browned (about 3 minutes).
- 3. Add broth and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
- 4. Dish out 2 cups of chili mixture. Put about one cup of chili at a time into the blender. Add ½ cup of chopped bell pepper, 1 cup celery and ¼ cup zucchini at a time and purée. Pour each mixture back into the remaining chili pot Adding the pureed vegetables not only makes the chili tasty, but is a great way to add fiber and vitamins without overcooking.
- 5. Add the beans. Stir thoroughly and heat through on medium-low, about 5 minutes. Serve hot.







Day 7

"Add brain-healthy flavor with herbs and spices"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Nature walk Get some fresh air.
- 3. Journal. Write 10 minutes before you go to bed. For many people this is a relaxing activity.
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. Invite friends or family over for dinner using the recommended recipe.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Morning Mocha Smoothie

Snack

Traditional Hummus with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Perky Turkey Tacos with Guacamole

Snack

Apple slices with nut butter (not peanut)

Dinner

Sizzling Shrimp Kabobs



Morning Mocha Smoothie



SERVES FOR 1 PERSON

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

248 calories 15.6g fat 11.8g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 177mg sodium 5g carbohydrates 3g fiber 0g sugar 22.1g protein

Ingredients:

½ pot half caf coffee

1-2 scoops sugar-free chocolate protein powder (vegan)

1 tablespoon coconut oil

1 dropper full chocolate Stevia (or other flavor of your choice)

Optional and recommended ingredients:

¼ cup full fat coconut milk sprinkle of cinnamon

Preparation:

- 1. Place all ingredients into blender.
- 2. Blend on low to start until smooth.
- 3. Serve into large coffee mug and drink immediately. Sprinkle cinnamon on top if desired.



DAY 7: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Traditional Hummus



SERVES FOR 16 PEOPLE

(SERVING SIZE 2 TBL)

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

64 calories 3g fat 0.4g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 127mg sodium 7.7g carbohydrates 1.4g fiber 0.1g sugar 1.9g protein

Ingredients:

- 2 cups garbanzo beans
- 3 garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons tahini paste
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon paprika for garnish

Optional and recommended ingredients:

½ cup baby spinach

¼ teaspoon sea salt

Preparation:

- 1. In a food processor, add beans, garlic, tahini, and olive oil (and spinach if desired). Blend until smooth.
- 2. Add lemon and sea salt. Process until mixture is completely smooth and creamy.



DAY 7: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Perky Turkey Tacos with Guacamole



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

442 calories24g fat5.2g saturated fat

116mg cholesterol172mg sodium22.7g carbohydrates

7.9g fiber 9g sugar 34.4g protein



Ingredients:

1-2 heads butter or romaine lettuce (leaves detached from stem for plating)

½ avocado, pitted and peeled ¼ teaspoon garlic (minced or garlic powder)

½ -1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 teaspoon coconut oil (raw)
1 onion, peeled and diced
1 small red bell pepper, diced
1 pound ground organic turkey
2 teaspoons chili powder

2 teaspoons oregano, fresh and chopped or 2 teaspoons dried 1 teaspoon garlic, fresh and minced or 1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon cumin

1-2 cups pureed tomatoes

Optional and recommended ingredients:

½ teaspoon cinnamon ¼ teaspoon coriander



- 1. In small bowl, mash avocado, garlic and lime juice together. Set aside.
- 2. Heat large sauté pan over medium heat, add coconut oil, onions and red bell pepper. Stir and sauté until golden. Add ground turkey and break up with your cooking utensil. While turkey is cooking, add chili powder, oregano, garlic and cumin. Also add the cinnamon and coriander for a different flavor profile. (Note: You can add more or less of the spices per your taste preference).
- 3. Once the herbs and spices are blended in and the turkey has fully cooked, add the tomato puree and simmer a minute or so.
- 4. Fill the lettuce cups with the taco meat and top with a teaspoon of guacamole and enjoy!

Sizzling Shrimp Kabobs



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

202 calories3.1g fat0.8g saturated fat

239mg cholesterol 785mg sodium 14.8g carbohydrates 2.1g fiber8.4g sugar29g protein

Ingredients:

- 1 pound shrimp, peeled
- 2 tablespoons avocado oil
- 1 tablespoon organic honey
- 2 tablespoons tamari sauce
- 1 tablespoon gluten-free Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons fresh chopped thyme or approximately ¾ teaspoon dried
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 small red onion, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 zucchini, cut into 1-inch slices
- 10 small mushrooms

Wood or stainless steel skewers

- 1. In large bowl, whisk together oil, honey, tamari sauce, mustard, rice vinegar, garlic, pepper and thyme.
- Add shrimp, bell pepper, onion, zucchini and mushrooms. Toss to coat and refrigerate for up to 24 hours.
- 3. Lightly oil grill.
- 4. Thread shrimp and vegetables alternately onto skewers.
- 5. Place skewers on grill and cook, turning frequently, for about 5 to 8 minutes until shrimp is cooked through (when it turns pink) and vegetables are tender.







Day 8

"Avoid or eliminate foods that can potentially hurt you"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Increase your activity-check your heart rate.
- 3. Journal. Write about your workout. How do you feel? What areas can you work on?
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. When you're tempted to deviate from your meal plan, return to a favorite recipe in this cookbook.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Super Berry Power Smoothie

Snack

Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Antiox Detox Chop Salad

Snack

Superfood Protein Bar

Dinner

Brain Boosting BBQ Chicken Salad



DAY 8: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Super Berry Power Smoothie



SERVES FOR 2 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

336 calories8.0g fat3.0g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 393mg sodium 37.6g carbohydrates 13.1g fiber13.2g sugar32.4g protein

Ingredients:

1 cup frozen organic blueberries

½ cup baby spinach leaves

1 large chard leaf, torn into pieces — about ¾ cup (discard the thick stalk, and use only the leafy portion)

2 tablespoons flax seeds

1 scoop freeze-dried greens powder

2 scoops vanilla pea or rice protein (sweetened with stevia)

1 tablespoon goji powder

2 teaspoons maca powder

1 teaspoon coconut butter

1 tablespoon raw walnuts

8 ounces coconut water

8-12 ounces cold purified water

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 tablespoon prebiotic soluble fiber

- 1. Place all ingredients in a blender bowl.
- 2. Mix for about 30 seconds. Do not over-blend.
- 3. Pour into two large glasses.

Antiox Detox Chop Salad



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

209 calories10g fat3.6g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 42mg sodium 23.9g carbohydrates 8.0g fiber 10.9g sugar 5.8g protein

Ingredients:

1 green apple, cored and diced

½ cup pomegranate seeds

2 cups kale, finely chopped

4 cups mixed greens (spinach, arugula, and butter

lettuce are my favorites)

½ cup raw walnuts, chopped

2 Persian cucumbers, thinly sliced

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

½ teaspoon curcumin

1 garlic clove, minced

1 avocado, diced

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 teaspoon xylitol or raw, unfiltered honey*

Tips:

- ▶ Substitute raw, unfiltered honey* for agave nectar to create a vegan recipe.
- * Raw, unfiltered honey is not appropriate for children under 2 years of age. Use pasteurized honey instead.

Preparation:

- In a large salad bowl, combine apple, pomegranate seeds, kale, mixed greens, walnuts, and cucumber.
- In a small bowl, combine olive oil, red wine vinegar, curcumin, garlic, and xylitol or raw, unfiltered honey* (if desired). Whisk until well blended.
- 3. Mix into salad mixture and toss well.
- 4. Divide evenly among 4 plates.
- 5. Top with avocado.



DAY 8: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Superfood Protein Bar



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

269 calories 22.1g fat 11.9g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 14mg sodium 13.3g carbohydrates 3.3g fiber5.1g sugar7.9g protein



Ingredients:

½ cup cacao butter

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raw cashews, finely chopped

½ cup raw almonds, finely chopped

¼ cup mulberries

2 tablespoons hemp seeds or flax seeds

½ cup coconut butter

2 tablespoons lucuma powder

¼ cup pea protein, sugar-free, sweetened with stevia (I like BrainMD brand)

1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 tablespoons raw, unfiltered honey*

¼ cup goji berries

Optional and recommended ingredients:

1 tablespoon maca root powder

2 tablespoons raw cacao powder or nibs



Preparation:

- 1. Melt the cacao butter over low heat in a small pot.
- 2. In a food processor, combine half of the cashews and half of the almonds, all of the mulberries and hemp or flax seeds, coconut butter, maca root powder, lucuma powder, protein powder, and cinnamon. Set aside half of the nuts for mixing in later.
- 3. Remove cacao butter from heat and add raw, unfiltered honey to pot.
- . Slowly pulse nuts and powder mixture in food processor while adding the melted cacao butter and honey in a steady stream. The mixture will form a dough-like mixture.
- 5. Remove dough from processor and place in a bowl.

 Add remaining nuts, goji berries, and cacao nibs. Dough should be very thick. However, if it is too thick to mix, add 1 tablespoon of water at a time until the mixture combines, but remains very thick.
- 6. For chocolate protein bars, either use chocolate protein powder or add 2 tablespoons of cacao powder.
- 7. Press dough into a baking dish and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Cut into bars.

Tips:

- ► Substitute raw, unfiltered honey* for agave nectar to create a vegan recipe.
- Raw, unfiltered honey is not appropriate for children under 2 years of age. Use pasteurized honey instead.

DAY 8: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Brain Boosting BBQ Chicken Salad



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

509 calories 19.5g fat 2.7g saturated fat 143mg cholesterol443mg sodium27.8g carbohydrates

8.8g fiber 4.6g sugar 55.4g protein

Ingredients:

2 free-range, hormone-free, boneless, skinless chicken breasts (4 ounces each)

1 lime, juiced

¼ cup fresh orange juice

3 garlic cloves, minced

½ teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon dried sage or 1 tablespoon fresh sage, chopped

1 teaspoon dry thyme or 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped

½ teaspoon salt

 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

1 red bell pepper, chopped

½ cup celery, chopped

½ cup black beans, drained and rinsed

1 avocado, cut into chunks

3 green onions, chopped

4 cups mixed greens

1 tablespoon olive oil

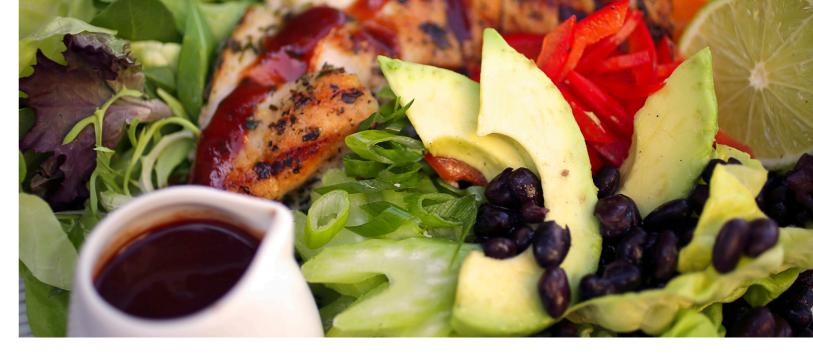
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Optional and recommended ingredients:

½ cup sugar-free Nature's Hallow BBQ Sauce



Preparation:

- 1. In small bowl, combine lime juice, orange juice, garlic, onion powder, sage, thyme, salt and pepper.
- 2. Transfer to a sealable plastic bag. Add chicken, turn to coat and refrigerate for 2 to 24 hours.
- 3. When ready to cook, preheat grill to medium-high heat.
- 4. Grill chicken for about 5 to 7 minutes on each side or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Allow to cool slightly before slicing or chopping.
- 5. In large bowl, mix olive oil, 2 tablespoons lime juice and cilantro.
- 6. Add red bell pepper, celery, black beans, avocado and green onions. Season with salt and pepper. Gently toss, being careful not to mash the avocado.
- 7. To serve, place greens on platter and spread chopped veggie and bean mixture over greens. Add slices of grilled chicken across the top.
- 8. Drizzle sugar-free barbecue sauce over the top if desired. Best served with salad cold and chicken warm.

Tips:

This recipe requires marinating the chicken for best results.





Day 9

"Choosing organic, toxin-free foods whenever possible"

- Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. Add yoga to your favorite routine.
- 3. Journal. Write down how excited you are to have come so far. Almost there!
- 4. Take supplements as recommended by your personal Brain Health Assessment.
- 5. Connect with your buddy or small group members.
- 6. Eat your meal outside.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Berry Clear Morning Smoothie

Snack

Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Asian Fusion Chicken Salad

Snack

Go-Well Trail Mix (1/4 cup) with 1 Apple

Dinner

Pomegranate Pepita Salad with Salmon



Berry Clear Morning Smoothie



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

275 calories 15.7g fat 11.8g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 199mg sodium 10.1g carbohydrates 4.7g fiber2.7g sugar23.1g protein

Ingredients:

½ cup frozen organic blueberries

½ cup frozen organic blackberries

16-20 ounces cold water (or unsweetened almond milk); I prefer water to hydrate first thing in the morning

- 1 handful of ice
- 2 cups baby spinach
- 1 chard leaf (or 2 kale leaves) torn from stem
- 2 scoops vanilla- or chocolate-flavored protein powder (pea protein, sweetened with stevia)
- 2 droppers full of liquid stevia (I prefer berry or chocolate flavor)
- 2 tablespoons coconut butter

Optional and recommended ingredients (any or all):

- 1 scoop freeze-dried greens
- 1 tablespoon flax, hemp or chia seeds
- 1 tablespoon fiber (inulin or glucomannan)

Only for the adventurous (try adding one or two of the following for fun):

- 1 teaspoon maca powder
- 1 teaspoon pomegranate powder
- 1 teaspoon acai powder
- 1 teaspoon camu camu powder
- 1 teaspoon bee pollen
- 1 tablespoon aloe gel

Preparation:

- 1. Add all ingredients to blender bowl (preferably high-powered blender).
- 2. Turn blender on low at first, then increase speed for about 30 seconds.
- 3. Add additional water or ice as needed to achieve desired consistency.
- 4. Pour into two large glasses and serve cold.

Tips:

 Recommended protein powder available on tanaamen.com



DAY 9: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Asian Fusion Chicken Salad



NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

305 calories12g fat5.5g saturated fat

73mg cholesterol 580mg sodium 19.1g carbohydrates 4.1g fiber 10.3g sugar 30.2g protein



Ingredients:

¼ cup sesame oil
¼ cup macadamia nut oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
½ shallot, minced (about 1
tablespoon)
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, finely
chopped
¼ cup rice vinegar
¼ cup low-sodium chicken broth
2 tablespoons low-sodium
tamari sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon red curry powder

4 boneless, skinless chicken

hormone-free, antibiotic-free)

breast halves (free-range,

1/3 cup olive oil
2 teaspoons low-sodium tamari
sauce
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1-2 teaspoons raw, unfiltered
honey* (to taste)
8 cups mixed greens
½ organic pear, sliced
¼ cup fresh, organic
pomegranate seeds
1 tablespoon black sesame
seeds



Marinade Preparation:

- 1. Whisk all ingredients down to chicken together in a mixing bowl.
- 2. Put chicken in a Ziploc® bag and pour marinade over the chicken. Remove air from the bag and seal. Refrigerate up to half an hour before cooking. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking and let stand.

Chicken Preparation:

 Preheat grill to medium high heat.
 Grill chicken until cooked through, about 4-5 minutes per side. Remove from grill and set aside.

Dressing and Salad Preparation:

- 1. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, tamari sauce, lemon juice, and honey*.
- d. Arrange greens on a platter. Place pears around sides. Sprinkle pomegranate seeds.
- 3. Slice chicken breast into thin slices.
- 4. Distribute salad evenly between 4 plates and drizzle each with a tablespoon of dressing.
- 5. Place chicken slices from one half chicken breast on each salad.
- 6. Sprinkle sesame seeds over the top of each salad.



DAY 9: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Pomegranate Pepita Salad with Salmon



SERVES FOR 4 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

515 calories37g fat7.5g saturated fat

65mg cholesterol 169mg sodium 19.2g carbohydrates 2.2g fiber6.2g sugar31g protein

Ingredients:

- 4 filets wild salmon, skin off;
- 4 to 6 ounces each
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced cilantro
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- % teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin coconut oil 2-3 tablespoons low-sodium
- vegetable broth
- 12 ounces organic mixed salad greens
- ½ cup pomegranate seeds
- ½ cup pepitas or pumpkin seeds,
- raw and unsalted

- 1 cup carrots, shredded or diced small
- 1 cup cucumbers diced small
- ¼ cup organic, no-sugar-added pomegranate juice
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

- 1. Preheat grill to medium. (Consider using a stove top grill for smaller portions.)
- 2. In medium to large dish, combine garlic, cilantro, cumin, paprika, salt, pepper, coconut oil and vegetable broth; add salmon and marinate. Set salmon aside to marinate until ready to cook.
- 3. Toss mixed greens, pomegranate seeds, pepitas, carrots and cucumbers and place on large serving platter or divide evenly between four salad bowls. Serve the dressing lightly whisked on the side, or toss with the salad.
- 4. Grill salmon approximately 4 to 5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of the filets, until they begin to flake easily. Serve salmon over the salad and enjoy!





Day 10

"To feel healthy, you must be able to be honest about the things that you are putting in your body." - Tana Amen, B.S.N., R.N





Recommendations:

- 1. Start your day with reflection and meditation.
- 2. Exercise. 10 days down!
- 3. What area of the Brain Health Assessment have you seen improvement in?
- 4. Schedule your exercise for the next 10 days. Keep it up!
- 5. Journal. Look back at your entry for day 1. What have you learned since then?
- 6. Celebrate with your buddy or small Group. Share favorite recipes from this cookbook.

Meal Plan:

Breakfast

Berry Smart Breakfast Crepes

Snack

Wholly Guacamole with Cut Veggies

Lunch

Quinoa Kale Salad

Snack

Go-Well Trail Mix (1/4 cup) with 1 Apple

Dinner

Easy Does It Bison Steak with Salad and Veggies





DAY 10: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Berry Smart Breakfast Crepes



SERVES FOR 6 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

207 calories4g fat2g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol 142mg sodium 35g carbohydrates 6g fiber 5.6g sugar 6g protein

Ingredients:

1½ cups coconut yogurt (flavor of your choice)

1 tablespoon ground flax seeds

½ cup Egg Beaters

½ cup almond milk, unsweetened

3/3 cup buckwheat flour or spelt flour

2 packets stevia sweetener

1 tablespoon refined coconut oil

2 cups mixed berries and bananas

Optional and recommended ingredients (any or all):

4 tablespoons protein powder (pea protein, sweetened with stevia) - I prefer BrainMD brand, available on tanaamen.com

- 1. In a small bowl, combine yogurt, protein powder (if desired), and flax seeds. Set aside.
- 2. In a medium mixing bowl, blend Egg Beaters, almond milk, flour, and stevia. Mix well.
- 3. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium heat.
- 4. Pour ¼ of the batter onto the skillet. Quickly spread the batter across the skillet by lifting and turning until the batter spreads evenly. When the edges of the crepe begin to brown and lift, carefully lift and flip the crepe. Cook until both sides are lightly browned, about 2 minutes.
- 5. Place each crepe on a plate as they are finished.
- 6. Spoon yogurt mix into each crepe, top with fresh berries and fold in half.
- 7. Serve while crepes are warm.

DAY 10: BRAIN BOOST MEAL PLAN

Quinoa Kale Salad



SERVES FOR 10 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

202 calories 10.9g fat 1.2g saturated fat 0mg cholesterol 21mg sodium 22.8g carbohydrates 5.8g fiber3.8g sugar5.8g protein

Ingredients:

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups purified water
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 cup pinto beans, soaked and cooked, or 1 8-ounce can pinto beans, drained
- 2 cups kale, shredded or chopped
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme or oregano, chopped
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts

- 1 yellow bell pepper, diced
- ¼ cup cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 bunch scallions, finely chopped
- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 5-6 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons flax seed oil or extra virgin olive oil
- 2 avocados, diced

Optional and recommended ingredients:

Add sea salt to taste

Preparation:

- 1. Bring the quinoa and water to boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook until the water is absorbed, approximately 10-15 minutes. When quinoa is finished, strain and rinse well under cold water. Set aside.
- In a large mixing bowl, gently mix all ingredients down to celery together. Add quinoa and mix well.
- In a small bowl, combine lemon juice, oil, and sea salt (if desired). Whisk together until oil no longer separates.
- 4. Toss dressing through salad until it is evenly distributed.



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Easy Does It Bison Steak



SERVES FOR 2 PEOPLE

NUTRITIONAL FACTS PER SERVING:

513 calories 20.9g fat 10.1g saturated fat 218mg cholesterol 424mg sodium 1.2g carbohydrates 0.1g fiber0g sugar75.3g protein

Ingredients:

2 free-range bison rib eye or New York cut steaks (8-10 ounces each)

1 tablespoon melted ghee

2-3 garlic cloves, mashed

1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon salt (to taste)

1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper (to taste)

- 1. Preheat grill to high.
- 2. In small bowl, mix melted ghee or oil, garlic, salt and pepper.
- 3. Place steaks on plate or tray. Rub oil mixture into steaks on both sides.
- 4. Place steaks on center of grill for 5 to 7 minutes, then turn and cook for 3 to 4 minutes on the other side. Watch carefully. Every grill cooks differently. I prefer grilling at a higher temperature for less time to sear the steaks and seal the juices. Some people prefer to grill at lower temperatures for longer time. This usually produces a medium to medium rare steak.
- 5. Remove steaks from grill, cut in half and place on a serving platter or plates. Reserve leftovers for lunch or use in another recipe the following day. Serve hot.







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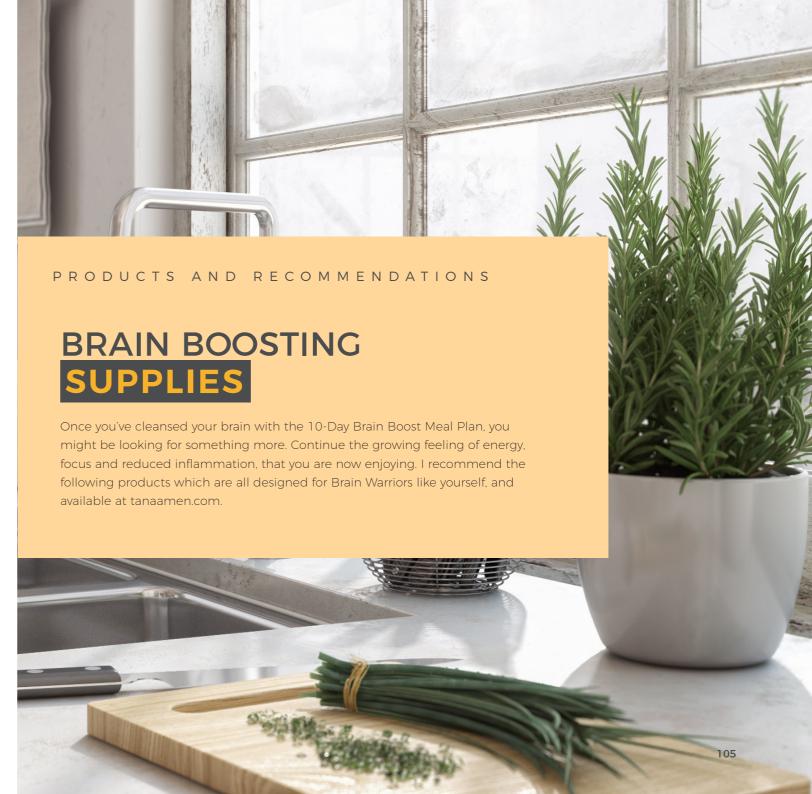
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