

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

Bubble Pizza

1 tube refrigerator biscuits
1 cup pizza sauce
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup miscellaneous toppings

Cut biscuits into small pieces. Combine the biscuits, in a bowl, with the sauce, 1/4 cup of the cheese and toppings. Grease a 9 by 13-in. baking pan. Pour the ingredients into the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 min. Top with remaining 1/4 cup of cheese. Bake another 5 min.

Corn Dogs

1 lb. weiners
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 tsp dry mustard
1 egg
1 tbsp salad oil
1 tbsp sugar
3/4 tsp salt
1/3 cup cornmeal
1 1/3 cups milk
1/2 cup all purpose flour

Mix all ingredients to make a batter. Preheat weiners. Put on stick, dip in batter, and deep fry in shortening.

Coke Beef Roast

1 arm roast
1 can regular Coca Cola
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 package French onion soup mix

Brown roast in skillet. Put Coke and cream of mushroom soup in bottom of roaster. Add roast. Sprinkle French onion soup mix over roast. Bake for three hours on 350 degrees. Cut roast into smaller pieces. Bake for 30 min. longer.

Miracle Whip

1 3/4 cups water
1/2 cup vinegar
2/3 cup flour
1 egg
3/4 cup butter, softened
2 tbsp honey
2 tbsp maple syrup
2 tsp salt
1 tsp lemon juice
1 tsp mustard

Cook water, vinegar, and flour until thick. Process the rest of ingredients in blender on high until creamy. Add cooked mixture and blend on high until creamy.

Ice Grips For Canes, Crutches

If you or someone you know uses a cane or crutches and has to deal with snow or ice, you'll want to take a look at this 5-prong ice grip attachment. The easy flip-up design makes it easy to retract when not needed.

Sells for \$14.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Accessibility Products, Inc., 5240 Elmwood Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46203 (ph 800 336-1147 or 317 784-2255; www.accesstoday.com).



This 5-prong ice grip attachment for canes or crutches provides traction on ice and snow.

New-Style Broom Has Bent Bristles

This new outdoor broom makes it easy to remove "hard-to-sweep" debris from decks, patios, sidewalks and driveways.

Invented in Germany, the "Dirt Hook" has long, curved bristles that dig into the surface and literally "hook" out the dirt. Makes short work of wet grass and leaves on patios and decks; pine and cedar needles on paved driveways; and debris on construction sites, especially drywall dust.

The outdoor broom is said to work great for garden paths and uneven surfaces. You can even use it to rake your lawn.

An indoor version has both soft and tough bristles to get into cracks and corners. It will even remove pet fur.

Available soon in stores or go to www.dirtbrook.com.



Outdoor broom has long, curved bristles that "hook" onto dirt.

Camping With 5 Small Kids

How do you take a 6-day camping trip with 4 boys ages 2 to 10, and a 3-month-old baby daughter? The answer, according to Jennifer Murck Smail, is to make up 2 coolers of frozen meals in advance. All she needed to prepare them was a small microwave and an electric frying pan in their pop-up camper.

The Maple Lake, Minn., mom had some experience. She always prepared extra food at the end of each of her pregnancies to make it easier when she came home with the newborn. She regularly makes and freezes homemade breakfast burritos — which were a staple breakfast item on the trip.

For breakfast variety on the trip, Smail packed plenty of frozen triple-berry muffins and mini quiches.

Evening meals included five-bean chili frozen in individual serving containers, and cabbage/meatball soup — using veggies from the garden. Smail also got her oldest two sons involved, planning the menu, chopping vegetables and making foil wrapped dinners to cook in a campfire: raw hamburgers topped with parboiled potatoes, and frozen mixed vegetables well seasoned and wrapped in aluminum foil smeared with coconut oil.

"It was fun for the boys because they helped plan the menus and helped me prepare the food," Smail says.

Lunches were lighter meals with beef and cheese sticks, fruit, and homemade 5-grain granola and energy bars. The kids even snacked on fresh raw green beans picked from the garden.

Smail figures they saved about \$700 on food during the trip to the Black Hills. They only ate out one time.

Organization helped too. Smail printed out each day's menu and packed the last meal at the bottom of the second cooler. She froze a case of water and mixed it in with the meals. The water helped keep the food cold and provided cold beverages. Meals stayed frozen for most of the trip.

"Because everything was in a disposable container, we literally didn't do dishes, just a few serving utensils and I had Clorox wipes for the cutting board," Smail says.

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Jennifer Murck Smail saves money on camping trips by making up coolers of frozen meals in advance.

Hand-Cranked Apple Peeler

You can peel an apple in less than 5 seconds with this new low-cost, hand-cranked apple peeler.

The Starfrit Apple Pro Peeler uses a spring-loaded arm to peel apples effortlessly from bottom to top. Place an apple on the fork, turn the crank and the apple is peeled. Comes with 3 blades and a corer slicer.

Sells for \$16.99 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Les Promotions Atlantiques, Inc., Customer Service, 770 boul. Guimond, Longueuil, Quebec J4G 1V6 (ph 800 361-6232 or 514 871-1095; www.starfrit.com).



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Gene Sola says his computerized EZ Tankless water heater offers many advantages over earlier tankless models.

"Smart" Tankless Water Heaters

Early model tankless water heaters failed to impress most U.S. consumers. But the latest new "smart" tankless water heaters appear to be changing all that.

"The older ones were more like a barbecue grill where the water ran on top of it," says Gene Sola, owner of EZ Tankless, based in Earl Park, Ind. "Newer models are more like a fuel-injected car. Units are computerized so they are smarter."

There's no pilot light, they self ignite, and the flame adjusts according to water volume. Models in the \$500 range can supply enough hot water for two showers running all day long.

In addition to the natural or LP gas supply, they only require 4 amps at 120V AC to run the exhaust fan and computer. Installation is easy, too, with a dual-chamber forced air intake and 4-in. exhaust pipe.

"It draws air from outside the house and sends the exhaust back out," Sola says.

EZ Tankless also has battery-ignited outdoor models starting at \$135 for camping, hunting cabins, or other remote areas without electricity.

To ensure the tank's life of 20 years or more, Sola recommends filtering the water going into it. His website includes detailed information and videos of how to filter water, as well as how to install and maintain the tankless system.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, EZ Tankless, P.O. Box 111, Earl Park, Ind. 47942 (ph 219 369-4781; www.eztankless.com).



Tree branches are painted white and stuck into sand-filled vases, with strings of mini electric lights added.

Tree Branch Decorations

"We made eye-catching decorations for my grandson's wedding reception by painting tree branches white, and sticking them into sand-filled vases trimmed with strings of mini-electric lights. It's an idea you could use for any family or business gathering," says Rex Gogerty, Hubbard, Iowa.