

July Monthly Party ~ Snacks & Beverages

Thinly slice a watermelon and use small star-shaped cookie cutters to cut the slices into patriotic treats.

Mix the watermelon stars with blueberries and cubed jicama for a red, white, and blue fruit salad.

Purchase some of the biggest strawberries you can find. After cleaning, slice them in half lengthwise. Dab the cut side to dry then add a layer of soft cream cheese and place 2 or 3 blueberries on top. Cute!

Also, using those big strawberries, ensure that each berry can sit up on end. Then make 2 incisions like an "X" from the top to within a half inch of the bottom. Pipe cream cheese into the strawberry and place a blueberry on top.

Provide small clear bowls of red, white, and blue M&Ms for each table.

A red, white, and blue parfait is a special and beautiful treat for the occasion, but it does require more work. Use the smaller 8 oz clear plastic cups.

You'll need:

16 oz. Fresh strawberries; cleaned and cut small

1/2 cup sugar

Pecan Sandy cookies, package (16 cookies)

1 cup Cool Whip

More Cool Whip, for the topping

1 cup vanilla yogurt

16 oz. Fresh blueberries

Cut up strawberries and mash slightly with a fork. Add the sugar and let sit. Place cookies in a baggie and use a rolling pin to make crumbs. Set aside. In a small bowl, combine 1 cup Cool Whip and yogurt, mix until blended.

Place a large spoon of crumbs in bottom of cup. Spoon in strawberries and top with yogurt mixture. Next add blueberries, and just before serving, add a dollop of Cool Whip to the top. Beautiful and tasty!

Simple Red, White, and Blue Punch

You will need:

Cranapple Juice

Sobe Piña Colada

Blueberry Pomegranate Gatorade

Ice

In each clear plastic glass, 16 oz., add 1 cup cranapple juice. Fill the glass with ice. SLOWLY add piña colada drink, leaving space for the blueberry pomegranate topper.