



BEARPOWER

teen

a power guide to a healthier, happier you!

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teens.....

As a teen you have a lot on your plate...school, activities, family, friends, work and more! You can power your body and brain by eating better and being active. When you eat better and are active you can:

- Perform better in school and sports
- Have great skin and hair
- Increase your energy and focus
- Have a happy, healthy mind and body

Read on to get the scoop on what teens need!



FUEL UP
WITH



5

Fruits and Veggies

boost your energy
and help defend and
protect you from
getting sick.

Try filling your
plate with
**4 colors or
more!**



FOUR



3

PowerUp with **3
meals a day**, plus 2
to 3 snacks!

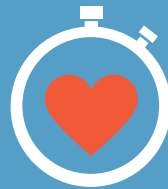
What you eat lays the
foundation for your day.

Keep screen time
to **2 HOURS**
(or less) a day.



POWER
DOWN

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ONE
HOUR

Be physically
active **1 hour** or
more every day.

Zero Sugary Drinks.
Grab water instead. Teens
need **8-11 cups** a day.
The more active you are
the more you need.

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SLASH THE
SUGAR!



Did you know getting a combination of foods from all the food groups everyday gives you the energy you need to perform at your best?

FRUITS

Try for 5 a day

WHY 5? Fruits and veggies boost your energy, your mood and help defend and protect the health of your body! They power you with carbohydrates, fiber, and lots of other important things like, Vitamin A, C and E.

FRUIT

Eat 2 cups or more
(about 2-3 pieces)

VEGGIES

VEGETABLES

Eat 3 cups or more

What counts?

All fresh, frozen, canned, dried, crunch-dried fruits and veggies

What about 100% juice?

A little is okay, but keep it to 4 ounces or less a day

MEAT+BEANS

(OR "PROTEIN" GROUP)

Try for 6 ounces a day

WHY? These foods give your body high quality protein to help maintain and repair muscle. Plus, these foods give you iron, zinc, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium and many of the B vitamins, which are important for teens.

What counts as an ounce?

- 1 ounce of meat, chicken, turkey, pork, fish
- ½ cup of beans
- 1 egg
- 1½ ounces of nuts/seeds (about a handful) OR 2 tablespoons of nut butter

TIP: Milk, yogurt and cheese are also good sources of protein

GRAINS

Try for 6 (ounces) or more a day

WHY? They have carbohydrates, which gives your body and brain the energy it needs to be active and think better. They also have fiber, B vitamins, iron and magnesium.

GO FOR WHOLE GRAINS! What counts as an ounce?

1 slice of whole-wheat bread or ½ cup of pasta, whole grain cereals, oatmeal, brown rice, wild rice or quinoa



MILK

Go for 3-4 cups a day

WHY? Milk, along with cheese and yogurt have protein, calcium, potassium,

magnesium, and are often fortified with Vitamin D, which are important for strong bones and teeth.

What counts as a cup?

- 1 cup of milk or yogurt = 300-400 mg calcium
- 1 ounce of cheese = 100-200 mg calcium

WHAT ABOUT THE FAT?

Choose healthy fats! Fat plays an important role in your diet. You need some everyday for energy and it helps the body use fat soluble vitamins, like Vitamin D, E and K. These fats and oils come from sources like olive and canola oil, olives, nuts, seeds and avocados.

GAME PLAN!

DAILY GAME PLAN

START your day with Breakfast

Breakfast boosts your energy for the day. Eat breakfast everyday to help you think better, focus and perform at your best.



WHAT makes a meal?

BREAKFAST:

Choose at least 3 of the 5 food groups (be sure to include a fruit/veggie, plus a protein)

LUNCH & DINNER:

Choose something from 4 to 5 of the food groups

SNACKS:

Choose at least 2 of the 5 food groups (include a fruit/veggie and a protein and/or a whole grain)

TIMING of Meals:

Try to eat about every 3-4 hours



Power your body with snacks

“Teens do best when they eat about every 3-4 hours and snacks help them get all the nutrition they need. Snacks help keep you from getting too hungry between meals.”

But, not all snacks are created equal. It’s best to have snacks that include a veggie and/or fruit plus a protein and/or a whole grain.”

— Susan Crowell, MS, RD, CDE, Dietitian

Did you know that sharing meals together with others is one of the best ways to stay connected and be healthy?



Water powers you up!

Over half our body is made up of water. We lose water every day by being active, sweating, digesting food and just sitting around. So, it only makes sense water is the best choice to fill up and hydrate throughout the day.

Water is the best choice anytime, but you can also power your body with milk and other drinks with NO added sugar, artificial sweeteners or caffeine, like smoothies (made with real fruits and veggies), fruit-infused waters, etc.



“Choosing water instead of sugary drinks is one of those habits. Whether you are sitting in class, hanging with your friends, on the wrestling mat or the basketball court, water is all that is needed to hydrate, energize, and help maintain a healthy body. There aren’t many habits that can make such a difference in your health, physically and mentally. It’s this simple...drink water when you are thirsty!”

— Elsa Nisswandt Keeler,
MD, FAAP

Sugary drinks power you down.

They crash your blood sugar – zapping your energy and focus. Plus, they offer zero nutrition for a teen’s growing body and brain.

What is a sugary drink?

Any drink that has added sugar or sweeteners like cane sugar/syrup or high fructose corn syrup, including:

- Soda
- Sports drinks
- Energy drinks
- Fruit drinks (lemonade, fruit punch)
- Flavored waters
- Sweet teas
- Coffee drinks with added sugar



How Much Water do You Really Need?

Did you know when your body is dehydrated even just a little bit, it can cause you to feel tired, affect your concentration and decision-making skills? Plus it negatively affects your energy level and performance while being active.

Grab for water or milk instead of Sugary Drinks

H2O - is the way to go!

Teens need about 8 cups of water a day. More active? Shoot for 11 cups a day.

What about sports drinks?

How do they fit into my day? Or DO they?

It's always best to choose water to hydrate if exercising for one hour or less. A sports drink may be used to replace fluid and electrolytes lost through sweat when doing strenuous activity for over an hour or in really hot weather.

What's the best sports recovery drink?

Chocolate milk is recommended as one of the best sports recovery drinks after vigorous exercise or training.

Why? Because it has the right balance of carbohydrates, electrolytes and has protein, too!

Skip the energy drinks!

Most have **4 TIMES MORE CAFFEINE** than what's recommended for teens!

How much caffeine is recommended for teens?
100 mg or less a day

Energy Drinks:

- Raise heart rate and blood pressure
- Prevent good quality sleep
- Can be dehydrating
- Can be dangerous!

HYDRATION TIP!



Drink 8-20 ounces of water one hour before exercise and frequently during exercise! 1 large gulp = about 2 ounces of fluid

Drink 8 to 11 cups of water a day, depending on activity!



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BEARPOWER with Physical Activity!

Try for 1 HOUR every day!

Why 1 hour? It boosts your energy, helps to increase speed, strength and endurance, keeps your body and mind healthy, happy and feeling just plain awesome!

Type of physical activity	Examples
Moderate-intensity aerobic	Baseball, yard work, hiking, brisk walking (For fun... use a pedometer to track your steps! Try for 10,000 steps a day.)
Vigorous-intensity aerobic	Jumping rope, bike riding, soccer, basketball, dancing, skiing, hockey
Muscle-strengthening	Exercises with hand-held weights, push-ups, pull-ups, climbing wall
Bone-strengthening	Jumping rope, running, sports like gymnastics, basketball
Flexibility	Stretching, Pilates, yoga, ballet, karate



Turn less screen time, into more sleep time!

Get your zzzz's!
Teens need 9 to 11 hours of sleep a day.



[Fuel up on the run!]

GORP

Kitchen Gear

Measuring cup

Medium-sized bowl

7 snack-size zipper-lock bags

Ingredients

1/2 cup roasted, lightly salted whole almonds
(or whatever nuts you like best)

1/2 cup raisins or dried currants

1/4 cup dried cranberries or chopped dried apricots
(or whatever dried fruit you like best)

1/4 cup corn or what squares cereal
(or toasted corn snacks or pretzels)

1/4 cup toasted green pumpkin seeds
(these are also called pepitas)

Instructions

Wash your hands with soap and water, then gather all your kitchen gear and ingredients and put them on a clean counter.

Put all the ingredients in the bowl and, using your clean hands, toss until well mixed.

Put 1/4 cup of the mixture in each bag and keep at room temperature up to 1 week.



1. Gently place eggs in a large saucepan.
2. Cover with cold water by one inch.
3. Slowly bring water to a boil over medium heat. When the water has reached a boil, cover and remove from heat. Let sit 12 minutes.
4. Place eggs in a colander and run under cold water to stop the cooking.
5. Peel and serve immediately or refrigerate for later.

cook the perfect hard boiled egg

Power parfait



berries



plain or
vanilla yogurt



sprinkle of
cereal or nuts



Green egg and toast



avocado



hard-boiled
egg



whole-grain
toast





Tropical Coconut Smoothie

This refreshing tropical smoothie is a tasty way to kick-start your day!

Makes: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 cups frozen mango or pineapple chunks
- 2 bananas
- 1 ½ cups coconut water (or milk)
- 2 cups orange or pineapple juice

Instructions:

Put all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.

Purple Power Smoothie

A good source of protein, vitamins C and K, and potassium

Try with this refreshing, power-packed breakfast or anytime drink. It'll fuel your performance all day!

Makes: 2 (1 cup servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- ½ cup strawberries, fresh or frozen
- ½ cup blueberries, fresh or frozen
- 2 teaspoons honey (optional)
- 1 cup fat-free plain yogurt* (regular or greek)
- ½ cup 100% orange juice

Instructions:

Put all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth, serve immediately.

Note: Use at least one frozen fruit.



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Toss fresh, frozen
or canned fruits
into a glass of
water for a
FUN+
FRUITY
way to hydrate!



raspberry



orange



strawberry



cucumber



apple



cinnamon



grapefruit



orange



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