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LLOYD'S® Picnic Anytime Tip Sheet

Whether preparing for a picnic or another traditional family activity, the makers of LLOYD'S® Barbeque Products want to help make planning as easy as possible. With the help of Lloyd's Barbeque Company family manager, Kathy Peel, we've compiled the below tips on preparing and executing a flawless family event that the whole family will remember for years to come.

PICNIC PREP

Worried about planning the perfect family outing? Use these tips to help your family prepare for picnic fun at a moment's notice – whenever and wherever you feel the urge.

- **Streamline storage.** Store paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils, unbreakable salt and pepper shakers and a tray near the back door for quick table setting.
- **Control critters.** Stock up on citronella candles to ward off pesky mosquitoes. Plant marigolds and mint (natural bug deterrents) near your patio or deck. Glue a pest strip to the lid of your trash can to keep flies away.
- **Update your list.** Keep an ongoing grocery list in a prominent spot in the kitchen so everyone can record needs. When you're preparing dinner or packing a picnic, have one family member check on staples and add to the list.
- **Assess your time frame.** Can you take off for the park for some leisurely fun or does your child need to study for a test tonight? If the latter is the case, picnicking in your own backyard will still leave time for homework.
- **Choose your food.** Try some of the family-friendly meal ideas in this guide or pick other family favorites.
- **Grab some games.** Let the kids pick from list of activities and choose one extra as a surprise.
- **Load up.** Pack your basket and/or cooler and put all other items you'll need in a tote. Do a run-through to make sure you have everything you'll need and you're off to the picnic.

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR PICNIC BASKET

What's a picnic without food? Here are some family-friendly ways to incorporate delicious meals into your picnic, while limiting the prep work.

Main Dish

- **Foil Dinners** – Foil dinners are personalized all-in-one meals that are easy to make, delicious and perfect for an outdoor picnic with a grill. Simply wrap LLOYD'S® Ribs, campfire veggies, olive oil or butter and your favorite seasonings in tinfoil and grill.

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- **Chicken Tortilla Pizzas** – These are perfect for on-site picnics, and the kids can help layer the tortillas with flavorful ingredients.

- **Shish-kebabs** – Shish-kebabs are easily transportable – pre-made by arranging sausages and vegetables on skewers. Create fun mini-versions with toothpicks for the younger kids.
- **Hot Barbeque Sub Sandwiches** – These are good for a picnic at the park. Bring a pre-made barbeque mixture and build your sandwich on site. Line up sandwich buns on a long piece of aluminum foil to toast your sandwiches on the grill.
- **Stuffed Pitas** – Fill pita bread with LLOYD’S® Barbeque, chopped tomato and shredded lettuce or coleslaw for a quick on-the-go picnic meal.

Side Dish

- **Rainbow Pasta Salad** – This mixture makes a colorful, kid-friendly side dish that’s easy to prepare for big groups.

Dessert

- **Baked Apples** – This tasty treat is perfect for a picnic in your backyard or off-site at a campground. Simply fill a cored apple with brown sugar, cinnamon and butter. Then, wrap in foil and grill away.
- **Grape Ice** – Add pizzazz to fruity summer drinks by using frozen grapes as a substitute for ice cubes.
- **Fruit Kabobs** – Speared watermelon slices and grapes or cherries make refreshing, sweet and nutritious finale to any picnic (yummy when dipped in yogurt).
- **Indoor S’mores** – For a fun indoor picnic, top graham crackers with peanut butter, chocolate chips and miniature marshmallows and heat in the microwave.*

FUN AND GAMES...

Activities make the picnic; your kids will treasure time spent flying the kite with mom or winning the family scavenger hunt. Try incorporating these activities into your indoor or outdoor picnics to provide entertainment the whole family will enjoy:

Outdoor Activities

- **Story Time** – Set out blankets in the back yard and tell a continuing story—an exciting drama or a hilarious comedy. One family member starts the story, and each person after that adds more to the adventure.
- **Patio Picnics** – Eat a picnic dinner by candlelight on your patio. (Store your candles in the refrigerator; they will burn longer.)
- **Scavenger Hunt** – Have a scavenger hunt at a park. Make a list and ask everyone to bring back objects such as a pine cone, smooth stone, feather, something with a hole in it or a piece of plastic.
- **Frisbee Golf** – Make a golf course in your backyard. Draw large numbers on paper plates and nail them on trees or tape them to shrubs to designate each “hole,” which players must hit with the Frisbee.

- **Stargaze** – Look at the sky and create your own constellations. When gazing at the stars, ask your child what he or she sees in the way of people, animals or common objects. Give them creative names such as Nana's Coffee Cup, Ladder to Heaven or Kristen's Barbell.

Inside Activities

- **Spuzzles** – Secure a piece of tape across several wooden Popsicle sticks (set side-by-side). Turn the sticks over and draw a picture with markers. Remove the tape and mix up the sticks. Then, put the picture back together to solve the “spuzzle.”
- **Musical Bottles** – Line up an assortment of empty bottles in various sizes and shapes, add water, and blow gently across the top. By adding or pouring out water, you can change the pitch. See if you can play a tune.
- **Family Trivia Game** – Create your own game using family related questions such as: Where did Mom and Dad go on their first date?; What was your child's first word?; When is your pet's birthday?; What is each family member's favorite food or movie?
- **Charades** – Play charades and act out the titles of books or films your children know.

For more information, including additional tips and recipes visit LLOYDSBBQ.com/PicnicAnytime to download the fully-equipped toolkit. For additional recipes, visit HormelFoodsRecipes.com.

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