





March is National **Nutrition Month**

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created 50 years ago in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future." Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment. A Registered Dietitian Nutritionist can help you create healthy habits that are sustainable and celebrate your unique needs. See the weekly tips below for more information.

Week 1: Eat with the environment in mind.

- Enjoy more plant-based meals and snacks
- Purchase foods with minimal packaging
- Buy foods in season and shop locally when pośsible.
- Start a container or backyard garden to grow food at home.

Week 2: See a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

- Ask your doctor for a referral to an RDN.
- Find an RDN who specializes in your unique needs.
- Learn how nutrient needs may change with age.



Receive personalized nutrition information to meet your health goals.

Week 3: Stay nourished and save money.

- Plan your meals and snacks.
- See what food you have at home before purchasing more.
- Use a grocery list and shop sales when purchasing food.
- Learn about community resources such as SNAP, WIC and local food banks.

Week 4: Eat a variety of foods from all food groups.

- Include your favorite cultural foods and traditions.
- Eat foods in various forms including fresh, frozen, canned and dried.
- Avoid fad diets that promote unnecessary restrictions.
- Practice gratitude for your body by giving it the fuel it needs.

Week 5: Make tasty foods at home.

- Learn cooking and meal preparation skills.
- Try new flavors and foods from around the world.
- Find creative ways to use leftovers rather than tossing them.
- Create happy memories by eating with friends and family when possible.



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Upcoming Events

March 1 @ 10:00am Brunch Bingo

March 1 @ 1:45pm Book Club

March 8 @ 1:30pm Arts & Crafts Series: Paper Flowers

> March 9 @ 10:00am Daytrip to Camp Verde

March 10 @ 10:00am Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

> March 13 @ 12:35pm Bunco

March 15 @ 1:30pm Spring Floral Arranging

March 15 @ 2:00pm Caregiver Support w/Hope Hospice

> March 16 @ 10:00am Daytrip to Camp Verde

March 17 @ 11:00am St. Patrick's Day Potluck

March 20 @ 11:15am Membership Connection Lunch

> March 23 @ 10:00am Daytrip to Camp Verde

March 27 @ 12:35pm Bunco





Note From the Center...

By DeLisa Leopold, Executive Director

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all that supported our 4th Annual Bulverde BBQ Battle! It was our most successful cook-off to date and we could not have done it without you! We are already planning for next year and know it will be bigger and better!

We are again partnering with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for the Walk Across Texas challenge. The event is an 8-Week walk challenge and will run from March 28 to May 23. Stay tuned for more information on this challenge to get us all moving this spring!

Come Celebrate the Journey with us at our Inaugural Gala on Friday, April 14, at Western Sky Event Venue. We will enjoy a delicious dinner, drinks, music, auction, and a night of sharing the love of our mission. Visit our website or a BSBAC team member to purchase your ticket or to find more information.

Shortly following the Gala, we will have our 24th Annual Run for the Hills. This is a fun, family friendly event that offers a distance for everyone (1 mile, 5K, 10K). Would you rather stay home in your pjs? You can! You can also register as a sleepwalker and still get an event t-shirt. Can't beat that option! Registration will open soon...stay tuned for details!

We hope you agree that BSBAC is a home away from home and we appreciate the support everyone gives to help make it the wonderful place that it is.

I wish you all a little luck of the Irish this month and that your pot of gold awaits!

"May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door." – Irish Blessing



March Weekly Activity Schedule



MONDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus 9:00am Wood Carving

11:30am Fellowship Meal

12:35pm Bunco (2nd & 4th Mon) 1:30pm Dominoes 1:00pm Bridge Foursome (1st & 3rd Mon) 2:30pm Table Tennis



TUESDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Open Games 9:00am Ride the Bus 11:00am Mah Jong

11:30am Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Bingo 2:00pm Guitar



WEDNESDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Bridge 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am Brunch Bingo (1st Wed)

11:30am Fellowship Meal

12:00pm Knitting/ Crochet/Sewing 1:45pm Book Club (1st Wed) 2:00pm Spanish 2:00pm Caregiver Support Group (3rd Wed)



THURSDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus 9:00am Wood Carving 10:00am Canasta HF 12:00pm Poker

11:30am Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Mindful Meditation 1:30pm Bible Study



FRIDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus

11:00am Fellowship Meal

12:15pm Bingo



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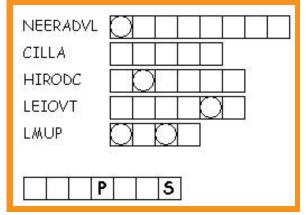
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Frito Pie Fruit Dessert	French Onion Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dessert	3 Tuna Salad Croissant Sandwich Fruit Salad Dessert
6 Taco Soup Salad Corn Bread Dessert	7 Meatball Subs Chips Salad Dessert	Pizza Green Salad Dessert	9 Sausage & Shrimp Jambalaya Cucumber Tomato Salad Dessert	10 Baked Potato Bar Dessert
Egg Rolls & Lo Mein Fortune Cookies	14 Beef Tacos Guacamole Dessert	15 Ham & Cheese Sliders Coleslaw Dessert	16 Chicken Pot Pie Green Salad Irish Cream Poke Cake	St. Patrick's Day Potluck Beer Cheese Soup
20 BBQ Meatballs Scallop Potatoes Poppy Seed Salad Dessert	21 Polish Sausage Mac & Cheese Dessert	22 Sub Sandwiches Chips Fruit Dessert	23 Pork Loin Balsamic Green Bean Salad Cherry Pie Bars	24 Bean & Cheese Chalupas Guacamole Dessert
Pulled Pork Nachos Dessert	28 Chef Salad Bar Dessert	29 Chicken Strips with Gravy Green Beans Dessert	30 Green Chicken Enchiladas Pinto Beans Dessert	31 Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Dessert

Fellowship Meal is served Mon-Thurs@ 11:30am, Fri@11:00am (LUNCH IS SERVED FOR A 1/2 HOUR IN THE CENTER)
Suggested Donation \$4 (Donations help make our fellowship meals possible)
Menus are subject to change



Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble themfor the final message.



Bamboozles

The object is to try to figure out the well-known saying, person, place, or thing that each bamboozable is meant to represent. (Solutions below)

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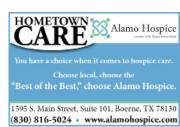
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Commonyms

- 1. Olive Orange Fig
- 2. Doors Paintings Eye Glasses
- 3. Picnic Pool Coffee
- 4. Rose Potato Taste
- 5. Olympics Leap Year Pres. Elections
- 6. Masking Red Duct
- 7. Index Pinky Ring
- 8. Ice Sugar Rubik's
- 9. Jurors Roses Doughnuts
- 10. Seat Whoopee Pin

Feb. Answers

- 1. Shark
- 2. Shoe
- 3. Coats
- 4 Metal
- 5. Filters
- 6. They have bulbs
- 7. They have rings
- 8. Books
- 9. Doctors
- 10. Crackers





March Health & Wellness Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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GYM HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 5:00pm Fri: 8:00am - 3:00pm *Class is FREE for all BSBAC Membes











Health & Wellness Class Descriptions



ACTIVE AGING STRENGTH

This class helps improve strength. The instructor will take you through a variety of exercises for a complete workout. Get comfortable using circuit equipment as well as resistance bands, medicine balls, free weights, etc.



BALANCE & STRENGTH

This class is recommended for members with concerns about balance and loss of upper and lower body strength. Focus will be on functional fitness as well as balance and strength. *Free to all members*



BALLET BARRE

The exercises build gradually, are safe and can be performed by anyone. Muscles become toned and lengthened, posture is improved, and movement becomes more graceful as the student becomes more aware of his/her body.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which yoga postures are performed while seated and/ or with the aid of a chair. Benefits include improved strength & energy, improved flexibility & balance, and improved concentration.



EASY PACE

Beginner to intermediate aerobics that includes cardio, marching in place, and basic arm and leg movement patterns. Improves muscle strength, flexibility, endurance, coordination, and balance.





LINE DANCING

Line Dancing is choreographed to a variety of music with repeating series of steps that are performed in unison. Learn some fancy footwork while challenging your mind to memorize these fun sequences.



RESTORATIVE YOGA

A therapeutic style of yoga which utilizes props to make it easier for the body to get into certain poses. The focus of this class is relaxation, renewal, effortlessness, ease and a completely supportive environment.



YOGA/YOGA MIXED

Slow flowing class of gentle stretching and physical postures using breath to connect mind and body. This is an excellent way for improving flexibility, balance and great for de-stressing.



ZUMBA/ZUMBA GOLD/SEATED

Zumba is a dance-fitness class that is set to zesty Latin music like salsa, merengue, mambo, etc. Zumba Gold modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant.



ZUMBA TONING

Zumba Toning is perfect for those who like Zumba, but want to put extra emphasis on toning and sculpting to define those muscles. The challenge of adding resistance by using toning sticks (or light weights), helps you focus on specific muscle groups, so your muscles stay engaged.



"Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood."



Activity Center Happenings









These are the 'Bingo Buddies'. They are bingo faithfuls here at the Center as well as at the Chamber bingo, and they are always up for a good time! We love bringing people together that become wonderful friends. Come join us at the Center and meet your own 'buddies!'

Our Arts & Crafts Class made Valentine hearts. Some were stuffed with candy for our Meals on Wheels clients. Our homebound seniors enjoyed and appreciated their sweet treats. Join us this month for two Arts & Crafts Classes, one making paper flowers and another making spring floral arrangements.











Our Self-Care Workshop was a hit last month! Thank you to Tara White, beauty consultant with Mary Kay, for helping the ladies with skincare, and beauty and makeup tips for maturing women. Thank you to Liza Bushn for bringing her beautiful Touchstone Crystal jewelry and donating all of her commision from sales (\$282) back to the Center.











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2023 BULVERDE BBQ BATTLE

The 4th Annual Bulverde BBQ Battle is in the books, and it was a huge success! It was an all-around great event, and we want to send a shout out to all our sponsors and community partners as well as all the volunteers, teams, vendors, and patrons that participated and gave their support! We appreciate you and couldn't do what we do without any of you. Mark your calendars for February 23-24, 2024...we look forward to seeing you all out again next year!























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March Event Flyers















2023 Let's Walk-n-Talk Fruit & Veggie Series

Get Registered! Start a Healthy Habit! Get Fit! Have Fun!

Both Team & Individual PRIZES will be AWARDED!

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Eat Right

Food, Nutrition and Health Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics



20 Health Tips

1. Eat Breakfast

Start your day with a healthy breakfast that includes lean protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Try making a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, low-fat cheese, salsa and a whole wheat tortilla or a parfait with low-fat plain yogurt, fruit and whole grain cereal.

2. Make Half Your Plate Fruits and Vegetables
Fruits and veggies add color, flavor and texture
plus vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber to
your plate. Make 2 cups of fruit and 2 ½ cups
of vegetables your daily goal. Experiment with
different types, including fresh, frozen and
canned.

3. Watch Portion Sizes

Use half your plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean protein foods. Complete the meal with a serving of fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt. Measuring cups may also help you compare your portions to the recommended serving size.

4. Be Active

Regular physical activity has many health benefits. Start by doing what exercise you can. Children and teens should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity per day, and adults at least two hours and 30 minutes per week. You don't have to hit the gym – take a walk after dinner or put on music and dance at home.

5. Get to Know Food Labels

Reading the Nutrition Facts panel can help you choose foods and drinks to meet your nutrient needs.

6. Fix Healthy Snacks

Healthy snacks can sustain your energy levels between meals, especially when they include a combination of foods. Choose from two or more of the MyPlate food groups: grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy, and protein. Try raw veggies with low-fat cottage cheese or hummus, or a tablespoon of nut or seed butter with an apple or banana.

7. Consult an RDN

Whether you want to lose weight, lower your health-risks or manage a chronic disease, consult the experts! Registered dietitian nutritionists can help you by providing sound, easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice.

8. Follow Food Safety Guidelines

Reduce your chances of getting sick with proper food safety. This includes: regular hand washing, separating raw foods from ready-to-eat foods, cooking foods to the appropriate internal temperature, and refrigerating food promptly. Learn more about home food safety at eatright.org.

9. Drink More Water

Quench your thirst with water instead of drinks with added sugars. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water, especially if you are active, an older adult or live or work in hot conditions.

10. Get Cooking

Preparing foods at home can be healthy, rewarding and cost-effective. Master some kitchen basics, like dicing onions or cooking dried beans.

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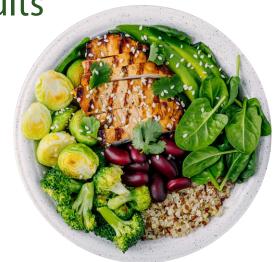
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Eating Right for Older Adults

Healthy eating is recommended throughout life, but as we age certain factors can affect our nutrient needs. Choosing a variety of foods from all the food groups (vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy and protein foods) will help you build a healthy eating routine.

The following tips can help you get started on your way to eating right.



Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Eat a variety of different colored vegetables, including ones that are dark-green, red, and orange. Beans, peas, and lentils are also good choices. Fresh, frozen, and canned vegetables can all be healthful options. Look for "reduced sodium" or "no-salt-added" on the labels. Add fruit to meals, snacks or as dessert. Choose fruits that are dried, frozen, or canned in water or 100% juice, as well as fresh fruits.

Make at least half your grains whole.

Choose breads, cereals, crackers, and noodles made with 100% whole grains. Whole grain corn tortillas, brown rice, bulgur, millet, amaranth and oats all count as whole grains, too. Also, look for fiber-rich cereals to help stay regular and cereals that are fortified with vitamin B12, which is a nutrient that decreases in absorption as we age or due to some medications.

Switch to fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese.

Older adults need more calcium and vitamin D to help keep bones healthy. Include three servings of fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt or cheese each day. If you are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk or a calcium-fortified soy beverage.

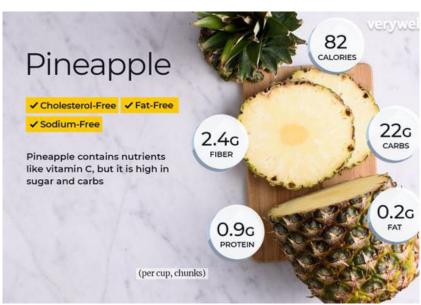
Vary your protein choices.

Eat a variety of foods from the protein food group each week. In addition to lean meat, poultry and eggs, choose seafood, nuts, beans, peas, and lentils when planning your meals. Spread your protein intake throughout the day by including a source with meals and snacks. Protein foods derived from animal sources also provide vitamin B12, and certain plant-based foods may be fortified. If you're at risk for low levels of vitamin B12, your doctor may also recommend a supplement.



What's Cooking











- Fights respiratory infections
- Promotes heart health
- Improves blood circulation
- Regulates blood pressure
- Provides good carbs
- Strengthens bones
- Treats arthritis
- Combats asthma
- Aids weight loss
- Prevents cancer
- Improves digestion
- Nourishes skin and hair
- Reduces inflammation
- Cures sinus
- **Boosts immunity**
- **Eradicates stress**
- Keeps gums strong
- Lowers cholesterol



Pineapple Coconut Green Smoothie

4 cups fresh or frozen pineapple 3 cups raw coconut water 2 cups ice (optional) 1 cup curly green kale (about 3 large leaves)

1 cup frozen or fresh ripe banana (about 2 medium bananas)

1/4 cup chopped pitted dates or more 1/4 cup raw cashews

1/4 cup dried unsweetened coconut 1/2 scoop or 1 scoop organic Vanilla Protein Powder pinch of Himalayan Crystal salt

- 1. Place coconut water into Vitamix and then the other ingredients.
- 2. Puree until smooth and creamy. Tweak flavors to taste.



Pineapple Avocado Salsa

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 1 minute Servings: 4 servings

n daily meal



Ingredients

- · 1 pound cubed pineapple
- 4 avocados

- 3 limes
- · 1 large bunch cilantro

Directions

- 1. Wash and dry the cilantro; roughly chop the leaves and stems.
- 2. Quarter the limes.
- 3. Pit, peel and medium dice the avocados; toss with the juice of 3 lime wedges to prevent browning.
- 4. Small dice the pineapple.
- 5. In a medium bowl, combine the pineapple, avocados, cilantro, the juice of the remaining lime wedges and a drizzle of olive oil.
- 6. Toss to combine and season with salt and pepper to taste.





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