



Meet Kristen

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Pre-Workout Energy Optimizers

Aim for a snack with simple carbohydrates for energy and moderate protein - fat to promote satiety:

- Apple Almond Snack Wrap
- PB Banana Toast
- Sweet Potato w/ Greek Yogurt
- Fruit Smoothie
- Cereal with milk and berries
- PB stuffed dates
- Quinoa Energy Balls





Post-Workout Refuel

Aim for a combination of simple and complex carbohydrates, lean protein and veggies:

- Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry served over Quinoa
- Chicken Wrap w/ Veggies
- Cherry Dark Chocolate Smoothie
- Chili w/ Brown Rice
- Salmon & Spinach Salad, Side of Sweet Potato
- Greek Yogurt, Granola & Blueberry Parfait
- Chocolate Milk
- Watermelon
- Tart Cherries
- Leafy Greens

General Tips



Honor the fuel window!

Eating a post-workout snack or meal within 15-60 minutes will optimize your body's ability to receive those nutrients and repair muscles.



Choose easy to digest foods.

If your body needs to pull blood away from your muscles to digest a complex meal, that's less blood to aid in the rebuilding process.



Keep it simple.

Have something prepared ahead of time so you spend your post-workout resting & refueling instead of laboring in the kitchen.