

Weekend at camp.

Boy Scout Troop 404 enjoyed a camping trip recently at Lake Alice. The scouts hiked 10 miles to reach the camp from the scout hut. While camping,

Scouts worked on several skill awards. Here on Saturday night scouts enjoy skits and sing songs around the camp fire.

Researchers are improving leftover turkey

In a recent test for warmed-over flavor conducted at North Carolina State University, the turkey failed with flying colors.

"The turkey is prone to develop warmed-over flavors following cooking and refrigeration more than any other meat," said Dr. Brian W. Sheldon, an NCSU food scientist

But Sheldon hopes to relieve turkey - and precooked turkey products-of this distinction.

Recent research in the NCSU Department of Food Science, he said, shows that vitamin E in the turkeys' diets may help preserve fresh flavor.

"Off flavors in meat can develop from the rapid oxidation

of poly-unsaturated fats," he said. We've learned that by feeding turkeys vitamin E, we can slow the oxidation of these unsaturated fats and, in turn, retard the development of warmed-over flavors.

His research takes on added importance to North Carolina, the nation's leading turkey-producing state, since precooked turkey products are becoming more popular.

"The increase in demand for precooked turkey products by the food service industry and by frozen food processors is causing a greater percentage of the meat to go into partially cooked or precooked turkey products,"

"The NCSU food scientist hopes

that viable solutions to the offflavor problems in products such as turkey rolls, patties and nuggets will increase the saleability of the state's poultry and provide opportunities for introducing new meat products.

"Products will have a longer shelf life, which means expanded markets," he said.

Now that fat, or lipid, oxidation is known to be a factor, increasing vitamin E levels is one solution that has the advantage of using a naturally-occurring substance.

"We're not feeding the birds something alien. All we're doing is elevating the levels of vitamin E in the tissues to protect the fat and retard oxidation," Sheldo said.

Health is highest importance

Good health is our most precious possession. How the body performs depends, to a great extent, upon the type and frequency of the care it receives. Good health habits established at an early age are one assurance that the body receives the necessary care it

The challenge is to maintain good health throughout one's lifetime. From birth through early childhood, this is primarily the parent's responsibility. Even young children, however, can learn good health practices that with careful guidance, will become in-grained daily routines.

Throughout life, there are critical periods that warrant special attention in order to achieve and maintain optimum health. One of these is the early childhood stage:

-The period from 2 to 6 years is one of continuous growth and development and increased physical activity. Chilldren need the same nutrients - protein, car-bohydrates, fats, vitamins, and minerals - as adults, although smaller amounts are required. Energy needs range between 900 and 2300 calories daily depending on the child's age, size, and activities.

-Learning and practicing good health principles are as important to a child's development and future as reading, writing, and arithmetic.

-It is important for parents to teach their children about the relationship of a healthy body to an alert mind, attractive appearance, positive mental attitude, and physical vitality. Although an understanding of nutrition principles is not required, it is essential that children recognize and appreciate the importance of eating a variety of foods

-Children can be introduced to many types of foods at an early age. Parents must be careful to conceal their own food prejudices since children learn by imitating.

-Good eating habits should be established before children enter kindergarten when parents have

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the greatest influence and control.
-Interest in foods can be

stimulated by discussing how and where foods are produced and pro-cessed and how international cultures and traditions have contributed to our food habits. Children can assist with grocery shopping and cooking to further increase their awareness of food values, selection, care, and preparation.

-Young children can manage small portions of food without assistance. At first, if may be necessary to cut foods into bitesized pieces.

-Mild flavored colorful, finger foods are ideal for children.

-Children should not be forced to eat foods that they dislike. Simply substitute similar foods, then serve the disliked food later possibly in a different form. Forceful tactics make the mealtime an unpleasant situation and can cause lifelong food aversions.

-Active growing children need small snacks throughout the day. Thus, it is advisable to stock nourishing foods - fruit, juice, raw vegetables, hard-cooked eggs, cold eats, cheese, and peanut butter. These foods are good for them and will help establish nutritious snacking habits at an early age.

ANGEL DELIGHT

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin 1 cup boiling water

tablespoons lemon juice (16 oz.) pkg. frozen strawberries

1 medium angel food cake (broken 1/2 cup coconut

2 tablespoons cold water 1 can (1 lb. 3 oz.) crushed pineap-

ture. Add another layer of broken angel food cake pieces and top with remaining gelatin mixture. Chill overnight. Before serving, slightly tint the remaining whipped topping pink and spread over dessert. Then sprinkle 1/2 cup of

coconut over topping.

3 (1.4 oz.) envelopes whipped top-ping mix prepared by package directions.

Add boiling water and stir to dissolve. Add sugar, lemon juice, pineapple, and drained strawber-ries. Refrigerate until thickened.

Add half of the prepared whipped topping mix. Line bottom of 9 by 13-inch dish with broken cake

pieces. Cover with strawberry mix-

Soften gelatin in cold water.

CHICKEN-PEANUT CASSEROLE

1 large fryer or 2 whole chicken breasts 1/2 cup milk

1 8-oz. pkg. seasoned stuffing mix 2 cups parched peanuts (crushed)

1 can cream of mushroom soup 1 can cream of chicken soup 3 stems celery and I onion (cook in enough water to cover)

1/4 teaspoon black pepper Cook chicken, debone and cut into bite-size pieces. Put in bottom of 9x13" baking dish which has been sprayed with vegetable spray. Pour soups and milk over chicken which has been heated to bubbly. Poke a few times to help mix. Mix stuffing mix (save enough dry crumbs to sprinkle on top), peanuts, celery, onions, and pepper with about 2 1/2 cups broth. Spoon mixture over chicken and soup. Cook for about 35 minutes in 350°F. or until bubbly. Yield: 8-10 servings.

The electric blender is a versatile appliance. It can be used to grate nuts, chocolate or hard cheeses; crumb bread and crackers; puree fruits, vegetables, meats, fish and poultry; mince parsley; chop vegetables; and make Hollandaise sauce and mayonnaise.

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