# We Can! ${ }^{\circledR}$ Youth Handbook 



Name: $\qquad$ School: $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$


CHAMPIONS
for CHANGE

## Dear Student,



Do you know what the different food groups mean in the Choose MyPlate picture?
Do you know how many teaspoons of sugar there are in your favorite drink?
Do you know how much physical activity you should do every day?
Do you know what screen time is?
If you know the answers to these questions, that is great! You are in a great place to learn more and share your ideas about healthy eating and physical activity.
If you do not know all the answers, don't worry! This handbook will guide you in learning about healthy eating and physical activity. In the next six weeks, you will be on a journey to learn about smart healthy eating habits, and how to have an active lifestyle. These healthy habits will help you stay at a healthy weight, and stay strong to avoid chronic diseases. These healthy habits can help you stay at a healthy weight and perhaps reduce your chance of serious diseases. Some of these tips may be hard to follow. Give them a try for healthier choices at home, at school and even the grocery store. It will be worth it!

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## Choose MyPlate



- Eating foods from each food group is important for your growth and health.
- Different food groups include:

Grains: Give energy for play and work
Fruits \& Vegetables: Give vitamins and fiber for better immunity and a healthy body

Dairy: Gives calcium for strong bones and teeth
Protein: Gives proteins for growth and healing


## Crack hace Secret Code

Use your detective skills and the code at the right to complete the sentences below:
Eat a

## Choose MyPlate Activity



Create your own MyPlate by cutting out the food pictures and pasting them onto the plate.


## Lesson 1 Goal Sheet

## Goal:

I will eat foods from all 5 food groups every day.

Write down 1 food item from each food group you ate every day in the table below.


| Sunday |  | Frains | Fruits | Vegetables | Dairy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monday |  |  |  | Protein |  |
| Tuesday |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday |  |  |  |  |  |

## Lesson 2 <br> Energy In (GO, SLOW, WHOA)

- Use the GO, SLOW, WHOA chart to choose low fat and low sugar foods/drinks.
- GO foods - Eat almost anytime. These foods are lowest in fat, calories and added sugar.
- SLOW foods - Eat sometimes, at most several times a week. These foods have more fat, calories and added sugar than GO foods.
- WHOA foods - Eat only once in a while or at special events. These foods are highest in fat and added sugar.
- Choose more GO foods, and limit WHOA foods.



## U R What U Eat

Food supplies the nutrients needed to fuel your body so you can perform your best. Go, Slow, Whoa is a simple way to recognize foods that are the smartest choices.
-"Go" Foods: Eat almost anytime (Most often) — they are lowest in fat, added sugar, and calories
-"Slow" Foods: Eat sometimes (Less often) - they are higher in fat, added sugar, and/or calories
-"Whoa" Foods: Eat once in a while (Least often) — they are very high in fat and/or added sugar, and are much higher in calories
Food Groups FO

The amounts of foods recommended per food group are based on a 2,000-calorie diet, the approximate number of calories for most active boys and girls ages 9-13. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.
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## U R What U Eat

The foods below are snack-type foods. The "Slow" and "Whoa" foods are higher in fat, added sugar, and/or calories and need to be limited so you do not eat more calories than your body needs. Remember, if you eat sweets and snacks, eat small amounts.


## Combining Food Groups

Foods we eat are usually a mixture of ingredients from the different food groups. A food can turn from a "Go" into a "Whoa" based on the ingredients used. The examples below contain ingredients from dairy products, grains, vegetables and protein groups some "Go," some "Slow," and some "Whoa." Foods served in restaurants often use "Whoa" ingredients.

| Food Groups | 60 | S-0M | MH0A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pizza | English muffin pizza with low-fat cheese (using $1 / 2$ English muffin) | Regular or classic veggie pizza: 1 slice from a medium pizza | Deep dish pepperoni pizza: 1 slice from a medium pizza |
| Pasta | Pasta with tomato sauce and vegetables - 1 cup | Macaroni and cheese - 1 cup | Pasta with sausage - 1 cup |

## Move More

To keep at a healthy weight, energy in (foods you eat) must balance with energy out (how much you move). Try to get 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Move more, take the stairs, play ball, bike, swim, walk, and find active games you enjoy. Have fun!

For more information, visit the We Can! ${ }^{\text {M }}$ Web site at http://wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov. We Can! is a national education program promoting healthy weight for children from the National Institutes of Health.
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## Traffic Light Activity


Red $=$ WHOA foods
Yellow $=$ SLOW foods
Green $=$ GO foods

Color the foods with red, yellow or green
according to the GO, SLOW, WHOA chart.


## Lesson2 Goal Sheet

Goal:
I will not eat a WHOA food today.

Put a star in the box if you did not eat a WHOA food today.

| Sunday |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Monday |  |
| Tuesday |  |
| Wednesday |  |
| Thursday |  |
| Friday |  |
| Saturday |  |



## Losson 3 Fruits and Vegetables

Why should I eat fruits and vegetables every day?

Fruits and vegetables provide vitamins, minerals and fiber.

How much fruits and vegetables do I need every day?

Youth 9-13 years old need $11 / 2-2$ cups of fruits \& $11 / 2-3$ cups of vegetables every day, depending on the level of physical activity.

Examples of 1 cup of fruits and vegetables:


## Power Search



Find each word on the list and circle it. Words can be spelled across, down, or diagonally.

| D | T | X | C | A | R | R | O | T | S | Q | F | N | F | B |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| T | B | T | Q | N | T | L | H | E | M | V | Z | D | N | $R \quad X$ |
| N | O | R | Y | R | N | M | C | X | G | W | B | M | R | $\cup \quad G$ |
| K | S | M | 0 | R | R | U | K | P | B | R | L | L | H | $S$ T |
| 1 | X | T | A | C | T | W | A | V | 0 | C | A | D | O | S C |
| W | K | B | R | T | C | F | L | G | Z | G | W | P | L | E E |
| I | R | P | E | A | O | O | T | R | M | P | B | S | E | L |
| F | L | L | Z | H | W | V | L | C | K | E | U | W | Y | S |
| R | F | M | T | X | H | B | M | 1 | K | G | T | T | Q | $S \mathrm{R}$ |
| U | W | G | P | E | A | R | E | O | A | Z | H | T | N | P Y |
| 1 | F | Q | G | V | M | K | H | R | L | H | P | $X$ | K | $R E$ |
| T | F | N | K | D | R | C | A | Q | R | R | Q | $X$ | X | 0 S |
| M | G | L | T | N | 1 | $P$ | Y | N | G | 1 | L | G | $\checkmark$ | $\cup X$ |
| B | X | M | R | T | S | Z | F | 1 | T | $\checkmark$ | E | P | K | T |
| P | T | B | R | A | K | M | F | Q | P | K | Q | S | K | S V |
| T | B | A | Z | N | C | A | N | T | A | L | 0 | U | P | E |

artichoke<br>broccoli<br>carrots<br>grapes<br>pear

asparagus
Brussels sprouts
celery
kiwifruit
strawberries
avocado
cantaloupe
fig
lettuce
tomato

## Lessons Rainbow Mysteries

Instructions: Read each clue and solve the riddles.
1 I'm a big, oval fruit that is green on the outside. On the inside, I'm usually red with black seeds. I have some vitamin C and lots of vitamin A. What am I? $\qquad$

I'm a vegetable that is good for your eyesight. I grow under the ground. Usually I'm orange, but I can be purple too! What am I? $\qquad$
3 I'm a vegetable that is great in tacos, on hamburgers, or in spaghetti sauce, but sometimes I can make you cry. What am I? $\qquad$
Before I became a box of raisins, I was a bunch of $\qquad$
5 I'm yellow on the outside. The letter A is in my name three times. My potassium helps your muscles respond. What am I? $\qquad$

I look like a little fuzzy, oval shaped ball. You can cut me in half and eat my green insides with a spoon. I have lots of vitamin C. What fruit am I? $\qquad$
7 I'm a crunchy vegetable, with lots of vitamin C and some fiber. My cousin is the cauliflower. Some kids think I look like a little, green tree. What am I? $\qquad$
I'm usually red when I'm ripe. I'm not a vegetable, but you may think I am. People like to use me to make spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce. What am I? $\qquad$
9z I'm a small fruit that comes in a rainbow of colors-blue, red, purple, and sometimes even yellow and green. I have a pit inside me. I rhyme with hum. What fruit am I? $\qquad$
I'm a yellow-orange vegetable with strings on the inside. When I'm cooked, you can scrape out my insides and eat me like spaghetti. What am I? $\qquad$
11 I'm a melon that is orange on the inside. My vitamin A can help keep you healthy. What am I?
$\qquad$
I'm a leafy green vegetable with lots of vitamin A and some vitamin C. Eating me can help keep your skin healthy. One cartoon character thinks I make him strong. What am I? $\qquad$
13 I'm a tropical fruit. My name is "the opposite of woman" plus "the opposite of stop." I have lots of vitamin C. What am I? $\qquad$
I'm a fruit that is juicy and yellow on the inside. I'm not an apple, but I have "apple" in my name. I grow in Hawaii and have lots of vitamin C. What am I? $\qquad$
15 Even when there is one of me, my name makes it sound like there are two. I'm a fruit that grows on a tree. Eating me is a good way to get some fiber. What am I? $\qquad$

## Lesson 3 Rainbow Mysteries (Answer Key)

I'm a big, oval fruit that is green on the outside. On the inside, I'm usually red with black seeds. I have some vitamin C and lots of vitamin A. What am I? WATERMELON (red or yellow)

2 I'm a vegetable that is good for your eyesight. I grow under the ground. Usually I'm orange, but I can be purple too! What am I? CARROT (orange or purple)

3 I'm a vegetable that is great in tacos, on hamburgers, or in spaghetti sauce, but sometimes I can make you cry. What am I? ONION (white, red, or green)

Before I became a box of raisins, I was a bunch of GRAPES (green, purple, or red).
5 I'm yellow on the outside. The letter A is in my name three times. My potassium helps your muscles respond. What am I? BANANA (white)

I look like a little fuzzy, oval shaped ball. You can cut me in half and eat my green insides with a spoon. I have lots of vitamin C. What fruit am I? KIWIFRUIT (green)

1 I'm a crunchy vegetable, with lots of vitamin C and some fiber. My cousin is the cauliflower. Some kids think I look like a little, green tree. What am I? BROCCOLI (green)

8 I'm usually red when I'm ripe. I'm not a vegetable, but you may think I am. People like to use me to make spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce. What am I? TOMATO (red, yellow, or green)

I'm a small fruit that comes in a rainbow of colors-blue, red, purple, and sometimes even yellow and green. I have a pit inside me. I rhyme with hum. What fruit am I? PLUM (blue, red, purple, yellow, or green)

10 I'm a yellow-orange vegetable with strings on the inside. When I'm cooked, you can scrape out my insides and eat me like spaghetti. What am I? SPAGHETTI SQUASH (yellow/orange)

11 I'm a melon that is orange on the inside. My vitamin A can help keep you healthy. What am I? CANTALOUPE (orange)

12 I'm a leafy green vegetable with lots of vitamin A and some vitamin C. Eating me can help keep your skin healthy. One cartoon character thinks I make him strong. What am I? SPINACH (green)

13 I'm a tropical fruit. My name is "the opposite of woman" plus "the opposite of stop." I have lots of vitamin C. What am I? MANGO (orange)

I'm a fruit that is juicy and yellow on the inside. I'm not an apple, but I have "apple" in my name. I grow in Hawaii and have lots of vitamin C. What am I? PINEAPPLE (yellow)

5 Even when there is one of me, my name makes it sound like there are two. I'm a fruit that grows on a tree. Eating me is a good way to get some fiber. What am I? PEAR (white, yellow, green, or red)

## Goal Sheet

## Goal:

I will eat fruits or vegetables as snack every day.

Write down the fruits and vegetables you ate each day in the table below.

Sunday

## Lesson 4 Energy Out — Physical Activity \& Screen Time

- Increase physical activity and cut back on screen time.
- Why do I need to do physical activity every day?
- To keep my body and heart healthy
- To make my bones and muscles strong
- How many minutes of physical activity do I need every day? - 60 minutes
- Examples of physical activity:

- What is screen time? Screen time is time you spend watching TV, DVD, playing computer games, or surfing the internet. Aim for no more than 2 hours ( 120 minutes) of screen time every day.


## Lesson 4 <br> Goal Sheet

## Goal:

I will limit my screen time to no more than 2 hours or 120 minutes every day.

Write down the number of minutes you spent on each type of screen time every day in the table below. Put a star in the column if you met your goal.

TV
DVD
Computer
Total

How many servings are you eating?


## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 cup (228g)
Servings Per Container 2

| Amount Per Serving |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calories 250 |  | Calories from Fat 110 |  |
| \% Daily Value* |  |  |  |
| Total Fat 12g |  |  | 18\% |
| Saturated Fat 3g |  |  | 15\% |
| Cholesterol 30mg |  |  | 10\% |
| Sodium 470mg |  |  | 20\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 31g |  |  | 10\% |
| Dietary Fiber 0 g |  |  | 0\% |
| Sugars 5g |  |  |  |
| Protein 5g |  |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 4\% | - Vita | 2\% |
| Calcium | 20\% | - Iron | 4\% |

* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

| depending on your calorie needs. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Calories: | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Total Fat | Less than | 65 g | 80 g |
| Sat Fat | Less than | 20 g | 25 g |
| Cholesterol | Less than | 300 mg | 300 mg |
| Sodium | Less than | $2,400 \mathrm{mg}$ | $2,400 \mathrm{mg}$ |
| Total Carbohydrate | 300 g | 375 g |  |
| Dietary Fiber |  | 25 g | 30 g |

What food would have this Nutrition Facts label? Answer below.*

## Get What You Need!

Get Less

## 5 \% or less

 20 \% or more
# What's the Best Choice for You? 

Use the $5 \%-20 \%$ Guide to Daily Values to choose foods.

[^0]Adapted from:
www.fns.usda.gov/tn


## Which is a Healthier Choice?

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What is the serving size for this item? |  |  |
| How many calories are in one serving? |  |  |
| How many total grams of fat are in one serving? |  |  |
| What is the percentage of calcium in one serving? |  |  |

## Questions:

1) Which type of milk has more grams of fat?
2) Do fat-free milk and whole milk have the same calcium content?
3) Which type of milk is a healthier choice?

## Lessons Goal Sheet

## Goal:

I will choose healthy snacks or drinks by reading the food label every day.

Write down the healthy snacks or drinks you chose by reading the food labels every day.


- Choose drinks and snacks that are low in sugar.
- Drink water several times a day.

Draw a line to connect the food/drink item to its number of teaspoons of sugar.


## Good Por Teethy

Instructions: Draw a circle around the things that help your teeth stay strong and healthy.


Adapted from:
"Too much sugar can hurt our teeth."
Too many calories from sweetened products may affect your health.


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Lesson 6 Popular Food Items Ranked by Amount of Sugar

| Food | Typical <br> Serving | Calories | Sugar <br> $(\mathrm{g})$ | Sugar <br> (tsp) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| McDonald's Triple Thick Choc Shake (medium) | 16 oz | 580 | 84 | 21 |
| Snapple Lemonade Iced Tea | 16 oz | 220 | 50 | 13 |
| Starbucks Grande Mocha Frappuccino <br> (no whipped cream) | 16 oz | 260 | 45 | 11 |
| Tropical Skittles (regular sized bag) | 2.17 oz | 250 | 47 | 12 |
| Vitamin Water | 20 oz | 125 | 32 | 8 |
| Plain M\&Ms (regular sized bag) | 1.69 oz | 240 | 31 | 8 |
| Snickers (regular bar) | 2.07 oz | 280 | 30 | 8 |
| Yoplait Yogurt (flavored, 99\% fat free) | 6 oz | 190 | 28 | 7 |
| Cap'n Crunch Cereal | 1.5 cups | 220 | 24 | 6 |
| Bubble/Boba Tea | 12.7 oz | 207 | 22 | 6 |
| Gummi Bears | 22 bears | 150 | 22 | 6 |
| Sunny D Tangy Original Style | 6.75 oz | 120 | 16 | 4 |
| Capri Sun Fruit Drink (small pouch) | 6 oz | 60 | 16 | 4 |
| Nutrigrain Mixed Berry Cereal Bar | 1 bar | 130 | 12 | 3 |
| Go-Gurt | 2.5 oz | 70 | 10 | 2 |
| Kellogg's Special K Cereal | 1 cup | 120 | 4 | 1 |
| Subway Fat Free Italian Salad Dressing | 1 packet | 35 | 4 | 1 |
| Del Monte Ketchup | 1 tbsp | 15 | 4 | 1 |

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## Check How Much Sugar is in the Bottle of Soda!

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 20 fl. oz ( 591 ml )
Servings Per Container 1

| Amount Per Serving    <br> Calories    <br> 250    <br>     <br> Total Fat 0 g    <br> Cholesterol 0 mg    <br> Sodium 55 mg    <br> Total Carbohydrate 69 g    <br> Sugars 69 g   $0 \%$ <br> Protein 0 g    |  |
| :--- | ---: |

- Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Not a significant source of calories from fat, saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium and iron.

## 4 grams of sugar equals 1 teaspoon

 To find out how much sugar is in a bottle of soda:Grams of Sugar $\div 4=$ Teaspoons of Sugar

## 69 Grams $\div 4 \approx 17$ Teaspoons

(Note: if the container has more than one serving, multiply the number of teaspoons by the number of servings to get the Total Teaspoons of sugar in the container. For example, $\mathbf{1 0}$ teaspoons $\times 2$ servings $=\mathbf{2 0}$ teaspoons in total)

[^1]Lessone Goal Sheet

## Goal:

I will try to avoid sweetened drinks every day.
Put a star in the box if you did not drink any sweetened drinks today.

| Sunday |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Monday |  |
| Tuesday |  |
| Wednesday |  |
| Thursday |  |
| Friday |  |
| Saturday |  |

## You Made It!

If you have come to this point in this youth handbook, you have more ideas to start - or continue - to set up healthy living habits. Be sure to share the 6 important lessons with your friends and family, so that they will also have the skills to make better food choices, increase physical activity and reduce screen time.

Put a star in the box if you have fulfilled the goal.

## Your Six Goals Checklist

| Goal 1 | I will eat foods from all 5 food groups every day |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Goal 2 | I will eat WHOA foods only on special days |  |
| Goal 3 | I will eat fruits or vegetables as snack every day |  |
| Goal 4 | I will limit my screen time to no more than <br> 2 hours or 120 minutes every day. |  |
| Goal 5 | I will choose healthy snacks or drinks by <br> reading the food label every day |  |
| Goal 6 | I will try to avoid sweetened drinks every day |  |

Step by step, you will be able to make a difference in you and your family's health.

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[^0]:    *Answer:
    Box of macaroni and cheese.

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