Jambalaya

This recipe makes about 35 cups



Ingredients

3 lbs shrimp uncooked

6 chicken breasts uncooked

4½ cups brown rice, uncooked

9 bell peppers

6 stalks of celery

3 onions

12 cloves garlic

9 cups vegetable or chicken broth

3-15oz cans of diced tomatoes

3 bay leaves

6 tbsp cajun spice

add cayenne pepper and salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

You will need a large stockpot for this recipe. You could reduce the quantities for a more manageable batch

- 1. Dice the onions, peppers, and celery and mince the garlic cloves
- 2. Cut the chicken breasts into small cubes and the shrimp into bite size pieces
- 3. Heat a large stock pot over medium heat and add just enough broth to cover the bottom.
- 4. Sauté the onions, garlic, celery, and bell peppers until they begin to soften and brown.
- 5. Add the diced chicken breasts and cook until no longer pink.
- 6. Pour in the remaining broth, followed by the diced tomatoes, brown rice, bay leaves, and Cajun spice.
- 7. Increase the heat to bring the mixture to a boil, stirring regularly to prevent sticking.
- 8. Reduce to a simmer and continue cooking until the rice is fully tender.
- 9. Add the shrimp, stirring gently, until they are fully cooked.
- 10. Season to taste with cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper
- 11. Add parchment paper to your trays
- 12. Scoop the squash out of the skins and spread evenly onto your trays
- 13. Add dividers if using. We like the 10-portion setting
- 14. Pre Freeze when possible
- 15. Freeze dry (my cycle time was 46 hours)
- 16. Store in jars for short-term use or in mylar bags for long-term storage

Rehydration:

Add 2 divider portions or about 1 ¾ cups of freeze-dried jambalaya to a bowl and about ¾ cup of boiling water. Cover for 5 minutes. Stir and enjoy.

Notes:

Using a food processor to chop the vegetables in a great time saver. Store this in meal-size portions for easy grab-and-go for road trips or camping

Nutritional Value Per 2 divider portions or about 1 % cups pre freeze-dried Calories 340 Carbohydrates 48 g Protein 28 g Fat 4 g Fiber 4 g Sugar 4 g