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FREE ON-LINE NUTRITION AND COOKING CLASSES OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Lewis and Clark County and the Montana State University Extension Nutrition Education Program is offering a series of interactive classes focused on basic nutrition, food preparation, and physical activity on a budget.

Classes are part of the SNAP-Ed Program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education) and are designed for families and persons living on a limited income.

Participants will not only gain valuable skills in providing healthy, balanced meals to their families, they will also receive recipes, fact sheets, and a free kitchen item at each class!

Two types of classes are being offered in November. CREATES is a single, one-hour introduction to nutrition and physical activity. EATING SMART, BEING ACTIVE is a series of 9 classes over 9 weeks covering easy meal planning according to MyPlate, ideas for stretching food dollars, tips for increasing physical activity, and tasty ways to eat healthy.

Class schedule for November:

Mondays, November 2nd through Dec 28th 9:30am-11:00am - Eating Smart, Being Active 9-Week Series

Thursday, Nov 5th at 10:30am - CREATE An Omelet

Tuesday, Nov 10th at 3:00pm - CREATE Amazing Veggies

Thursday, Nov 12th at 12:00pm – CREATE Amazing Veggies

Wednesday, Nov 18th at 2:30pm – CREATE A Skillet Meal

Thursday, Nov 19th at 5:00pm – CREATE A Skillet Meal

Tuesday, Nov 24th at 11:00am – CREATE An Omelet

Participants will need an email account and internet access. Registration is required one day before the class. After registering, a welcome email including more information about the class will be sent prior to the class start time.

If <u>you have questions</u> or would like sign up for a class, <u>Pp</u>lease contact Ginny Hurt, (406) 447-8042, virginia.hurt@montana.edu at the Lewis and Clark County Extension Office, to register for the class, or if you have questions.

To sign up online, go to https://buyeatlivebetter.org/classes.html?r=Lewis%20and%20Clark. You can also check out recipes and health tips on the Buy Eat Live Better Facebook and Pinterest pages.

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