

Tailgating Tips

A Touchdown-Worthy Tailgate Party

(NAPSA)—With football games in full swing, fans have chosen their jerseys and are enjoying an exciting season at gridirons across the country. It's time to kick off your own game day parties.

With a few simple ideas, it's easy to create a tailgate party for the record books. Start with plenty of Tervis, fan-friendly drinkware with designs for all 32 NFL teams and hundreds of collegiate teams.

"Tailgating is an instant way to create camaraderie among family, friends and strangers," says Tervis spokesperson Kim Livengood. "With Tervis, www.tervis.com, the innovator of insulated drinkware, you can support your team—and keep your drinks hot or cold—in style with hundreds of designs to choose from."

"Any time you can incorporate your team's colors into your tailgate party decor and recipes, it's sure to get everyone riled up," says Whitney Miller, winner of Fox's first U.S. "MasterChef" and author of the cookbook "Modern Hospitality: Simple Recipes with Southern Charm" (Rodale). Miller offers this simple, spirited drink recipe that's sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

Soda-RaRa-Rita

¾ cup fresh lemon juice
¾ cup fresh lime juice
1¼ cups ginger syrup
½ cup simple syrup
6 cups sparkling water
½ lemon, thinly sliced
½ lime, thinly sliced
Honey

Garnish: sugar/salt

Combine the first 4 ingredients in a glass pitcher. Gently stir in the sparkling water. Add the lemon and lime slices.

To assemble, line the rim of each tumbler with a light coating of honey and then dip in the colored sugar/salt mixture. Serve the Soda-RaRa-Rita over ice. Enjoy!

Serves 4 (16-oz Tervis tumblers or NEW Tervis Goblets)

Ginger Syrup

1 10-inch piece fresh gingerroot
2½ cups granulated sugar
Peel and thinly slice the ginger. Combine the sugar and 1½



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cup water in a small saucepan. Add the ginger. Bring to a boil; simmer, stirring gently until all the sugar has dissolved. Refrigerate until cool.

Simple Syrup

1 cup sugar

Combine the sugar and ½ cup water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil; simmer, stirring gently until all the sugar has dissolved. Refrigerate until cool.

Team Color Sugar/Salt

Granulated sugar
Fine sea salt
Food coloring

Combine equal parts sugar and salt. Use food coloring to stir your team's color into the mixture until combined.

A Halftime Game

That's Sure To Please

While you're waiting for hot dogs to finish cooking on the grill, keep each other busy with an old-school throwback. "500" is a simple game where one player stands down as far away as possible from the pack of people playing and throws the ball up for grabs. The goal is to battle everyone else and catch the ball in the air.

A ball caught in the air is worth 100 points, and a ball caught on only one bounce is worth 50 points. The first player to reach 500 wins and gets to become the quarterback for the next round.

For information on Tervis NFL or college team designs, visit www.tervis.com/tailgateheroes. For more game-ready recipes, go to www.whitneymiller.net, and for additional halftime games, click on sports.yahoo.com.