

Beyond The Entrée: “Chili” Winter Appetizer Ideas

(NAPSA)—The holiday season may be over, but the first few months of the New Year offer a host of reasons to get together and celebrate with family and friends. Did I hear someone mention a Winter Olympics soirée? Skiing and sledding parties are a must! How about all those hours sitting on the couch watching weekend football and basketball on TV? Bring your family and friends together to ward off the winter doldrums by hosting a party with a menu full of tasty appetizers.

And what does someone serve during these festive engagements? Chili of course! Chili is typically eaten as a main course—but it's more than an entrée! With the right ingredients and some creativity, chili can become part of some simple, relatively inexpensive appetizer recipes to cater to the hungriest crowds' cravings.

Spicy chili served pipin' hot with sour cream and cheese toppings, and a side of fresh French bread is a wonderful comfort meal. However steeped in tradition, chili is not just for a bowl anymore. Below is an appetizer recipe to move “Chili Out Of The Bowl And Into A Roll” if you want to be adventurous and keep the party going.

Chili Out Of The Bowl And Into A Roll

- 4 (10-inch) flour tortillas**
- 1 (8-ounce) package flavored cream cheese, any variety**
- 1 (15-ounce) can HORMEL® vegetarian chili**



- 1 (8-ounce) package Mexican-style shredded cheese**

½ cup diced tomatoes

- 1 small onion, diced**

To begin, divide each ingredient into four equal parts. Top each tortilla with cream cheese, chili, cheese, tomatoes and onion. As tightly as possible, roll up the tortilla. Slice tortillas into 1½-inch slices and pick each with a toothpick. Serve immediately. Makes about 24 appetizers.

After more than fifty years of making chili, Hormel Foods has collected and created so many recipes that putting them all into one book would have been next to impossible until now. Hormel Foods has created a Web database that allows you to browse the collection in a variety of convenient and timesaving ways, not unlike their easy-to-prepare products themselves. For more easy-to-make and sure-to-please chili appetizer recipes, visit www.hormel.com.