

Smart Snacking

Winning Almond Snacks

(NAPSA)—This year, you can make game day better than ever.

How? By voting for your favorite almond snack recipe online at www.SnackAlmonds.com to get a chance to win a College Basketball Package valued at \$8,500.

Leading chefs from around the country have developed fun and delicious snack recipes to satisfy your game-day hunger and impress your friends. After you vote, if you're eager for more chances to win the Basketball Package, simply forward the site on to friends and earn additional entries in the sweepstakes.

Meanwhile, you can snack on these delicious almond treats while watching the game. The four snacks in play are:

Beer and Bacon Glazed Almonds

Created by Cory Barrett, pastry chef of Michael Symon restaurants in Cleveland, Ohio, and a competitor on "Iron Chef America" on the Food Network, this almond trifecta of favorites is sweet, salty and laminated with flecks of savory bacon and pepper.

Grilled Skirt Steak Sliders with Smoked Almond

Romesco, Maytag Blue Cheese and Smoked Almond Butter

The sandwiches may be scaled down in size but not in flavor. Jennifer Wayland, executive sous-chef and pastry chef at Roxiticus Golf Club in Mendham, N.J., crafted five layers of harmonious ingredients: smoked almond butter, grilled steak, pungent blue cheese and voluptuous almond romesco,



Almonds can make the snacks you love tastier, crunchier and more interesting.

all on a buttery almond-studded roll.

Three-Chili Honey-Almond Fried Chicken

Randal Shircel, corporate R&D chef at Ventura Foods, created crispy chicken wings with hearty texture from a jalapeño-spiked almond and Japanese bread crumb coating. Made with a tangy-sweet fiery glaze, these wings are well suited for serious snacking.

Almond Beer-Battered Catfish

Created by Elyse Buckley, Erin Harbacek and Kathryn Goddard of Kansas State University's Kansas Value-Added Foods Laboratory, these big pieces of meaty whitefish get a power-packed Cajun coating made with almonds, and traditional garlic-and-herb-infused beer battering adds serious flavor.

If you try one of these recipes, you can e-mail a photo of the completed dish to be entered to win one of 50 Almond Inspiration cookbooks.

Visit www.SnackAlmonds.com to download the recipes and vote before March 13.