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hen it comes to snacking on swim days, think portability and fun. Anything that fits in snack cups and zipper bags is a big win. Here are some handy packing tips, a few outside-of-the-box ideas, plus regular go-to suggestions that you may have forgotten.



Snack Packing Tips

Bring an **extra bag for trash** if you plan to be somewhere that might not have garbage cans nearby.

Freeze water bottles before packing.
They'll do double duty as ice packs and drinking water after melting.

Alternatively, or in addition to frozen water bottles, pack **ice in plastic bags** to keep things cool and the ice clean for use in cupped drinks.

Consider **placemats** to help designate spots for little ones to sit, plus keep food items contained and off the ground.

Plasticware, paper plates and napkins are a necessity. And don't forget the hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, too.

Rubber bands, chip clips and extra zipper bags always come in handy for unfinished items.

Gummy Graham Bears

Tuck teddy bear graham crackers in the centers of gummy o-rings to create cute floating bear bites.

Quick Pasta Salad

Combine your favorite vinaigrette, chopped tomatoes and cucumbers, and mini mozzarella balls with a pouch of cooled, microwavable precooked pasta for packable lunches ready in minutes. Or, bring along our Pizza Pasta Salad, featured on page 6.

Apple Sandwiches

Core and slice an apple into 4–6 thick rounds, then spread your favorite nut or seed butter on one and sandwich it closed with another. Press a couple raisins, chopped figs or chocolate chips into the nut or seed butter that's peeking through.

Fruit Kebabs

Thread a variety of fruits like raspberries, blueberries, strawberries and grapes on skewers. Add a few marshmallows in between for a sweet surprise.

Beachy Dessert Cups

Add crushed graham crackers to the bottoms of small, clear snack cups. Top each with vanilla pudding (dyed with blue food coloring) or blue gelatin, then add gummy sharks or octopi.

Rollups

Tortillas can be filled with a million things. Try peanut butter and jelly; salami and cream cheese; turkey, mayonnaise and cheese; hummus and sliced veggies — then fold in the sides and roll up tight like a burrito. Serve whole or sliced into little pinwheels.

Layered Dip Cups

In clear, lidded cups or snack containers, alternate layers of salsa, sour cream, guacamole and refried beans, then package tortilla chips in individual snack bags.

Ocean Water

Combine equal parts lemon-lime soda and blue fruit punch, then drop a couple gummy fish in each cup just before serving.

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