### Activity - Build a Snowman

Build a snowman – either for real, or go through the motions physically. Get all parts of your body moving.

- 1. The base. Start with a snowball. Add more snow and pat the new snow onto the snowball. Once it is large enough, place the ball on the ground and roll it through the snow adding and packing new snow until you get the size you want (no snow, run around the yard pretending you are rolling a larger and larger ball of snow).
- 2. The middle. Repeat step one with a smaller ball. Place onto the base.
- 3. The head. Repeat step two with an even smaller ball. Place onto the middle.
- 4. Finish the snowman. Walk through the house, upstairs, downstairs, reaching in closets, bending over to look low too.

**Eyes** – buttons, rocks, wadded up mittens

Add-a-Can

**Nose** – carrot, stick, toilet paper tube

Hat – any hat, or modify an old box

Scarf – scarf, old towel

**Arms** – sticks, paper towel tube

### Comments on How to Add-a-Can

Start with	Auu-a-Can
Pasta	mushrooms, green beans or tuna
Baked chicken	mushrooms, olives, spinach, sweet potatoes
Meatloaf	carrots, tomatoes, green beans, salsa, mushrooms
(beef or turkey)	– chop finely, add before baking
Mashed potatoes	pumpkin, sweet potatoes, carrots, spinach
Rice	olives, black beans, kidney beans, mixed vegetables
ALL THE	– prepare rice with low-sodium broth, add
11-1	veggies at the end
Macaroni and Cheese	corn, tuna, ham – add to cooked mac and cheese,
1	bake in oven until brown
Tossed green salad	garbanzo beans, pears, mandarin oranges, beets
Chili	canned chicken, beans, green chilies, black-eyed
	peas, pumpkin, and corn
Nachos	drained, diced tomatoes; black beans, olives, corn
Cake	carrots or beets, pureed; or pumpkin
Smoothies	fruit cocktail, peaches, blueberries
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned fish

For more information call:

Start with

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program 800-457-3659
Wyoming Department of Education Nutrition Programs 307-777-6263
University of Wyoming Cent\$ible Nutrition Program 877-219-4646
Wyoming Department of Health Women Infant and Children (WIC) 800-994-4769



January

## **SNAC** News

Wyoming State Nutrition Action Coalition

# There are over 1500 varieties of canned foods.

Canned foods should be stored in cool, dry places; not near the stove, under the sink, in a damp garage or exposed to high or low temperatures.

High-acid foods, like tomatoes and other fruit, should be used within about 18 months.

Low-acid foods, such as meat and vegetables, can be kept 2 to 5 years.

Sources: Canned Food Alliance www.mealtime.org

ChooseMyplate.gov

#### Add-a-Can and Build a Snowman

### **S**hopping and Storing Canned Foods

Canned foods can be stored for long periods of time. Take advantage of sales and keep for later use.

Here are some definitions:

"Use-by" or "Best-if-used-by" date indicates how long the product will be fresh and at top quality. After the date, it is safe to eat but may not taste as good.

"**Sell-by**" date is that last day a product should be sold from the grocery store. Most foods will be fresh and safe to eat after the sell-by date.

"Expiration date" is the last date a product should be eaten and may not be safe after that date has passed. For foods that do not have dates, use a marker to label when you purchased them.

### **N**utrition Benefits of Canned Foods

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables! All forms – canned, frozen, dried, and fresh – provide needed nutrients.

Canned foods offer more variety year round. Canned produce is processed while the food is at their peak for freshness.

Canned tomatoes are rich in lycopene. Canned pumpkin is high in beta carotene (vitamin A). Canned beans and legumes offer lower fat and inexpensive protein as well as thiamin, iron, folate and potassium.

Canned tuna or canned salmon can be added to several dishes. Salmon is high in omega-3 fatty acids.

Wyoming SNAC is a coalition of USDA Food and Nutrition Service agencies including the University of Wyoming Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, Wyoming Department of Family Services, Wyoming Department of Education, and Wyoming Department of Health Women Infants and Children (WIC) and Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs.