







Best Choices for meals

Lean protein and plant-based protein:

- Beans, nuts, seeds, chicken, fish, eggs
- Dairy, if tolerated
- Vegetables and fruits—4-5 cups per day
 - Leafy greens, roots and shoots!
 - Squashes, tomatoes, chilies
 - Herbs
 - Berries, apples, citrus
- Healthy fats
 - Fatty fish, avocado, nuts, seeds, olive oil
- Whole grains---very little refined flour
 - Perhaps no gluten
 - Oats, quinoa, brown rice, ancient grains, millet, amaranth, farro, etc.

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	Day 1	Sample Menu 1	Sample Menu 2	Sample Menu 3	Tips
Breakfast 300-350 cal	1- cup starchy carb 1 protein (~7 g—just get close or surpass) 1 cup fruit	1 cup almond milk 1-cup berries 1 scoops. protein powder 2 Tbsp. ground flax seed Leafy greens ok- handful	1 cup plain yogurt OR oatmeal 1/2 cup blueberries 1/3 cup granola OR 3 Tbsp. nuts Coffee black or w/almond milk	1 eggs 1 slice sourdough or whole grain toast ½ avocado Veggiesadd to eggs Coffee black or w/almond milk	Daily 2-3 servings (I whole fruit or 1 cup) fruit a day 1 main dish salad a day 64 oz. water (flat or carbonated) MINIMUM Afternoon Snack Ideas 200 cal
Morning Snack	None	See Snack handout or tip column for ideas			Hardboiled egg + 1 cup fruit 10 crackers + ¼ cup guacamole
Lunch 450-550 cal	Unlimited veggies 1 starchy carb 2-3 oz. protein 1-2 serving healthy fat	Entrée Salad: 4-5 cups greens of choice X-cup beans or quinoa X-1 chicken breast or 6 shrimp or 4 oz. salmon or filet 1/3 avocado 2 Tbsp. olive oil-based dressing	1/2 cup rice/quinoa/lentils 2 cups veggies (raw/cooked) 4 oz. chicken/fish		Apple + 1 Tbsp. nut butter Beef jerky, 1-2 oz. (check calories) + small apple Trader Joes raw almonds packet IFYOU NEED a SWEET TREAT: 100 cal 1-2 Sambazon Acai Bites X cup yogurt
Afternoon Snack 200 cal	1 veggie + protein OR 1 fruit/starch + protein	Crudité + ¼ cup hummus	10 crackers + ¼ cup guacamole	1 apple + 1 Tbsp. nut butter	a cup blueberries 2 Tbsp. whipped cream or coconut or cashew cream Small apple with Saigon cinnamon Small protein bar (Rx Kids or Clif Kids)
Dinner 450-550 cal	Unlimited veggies 1 1/2 starchy carb 3-4 oz. protein 1-2 serving healthy fat 1 fruit	3-4 oz. of fish 2 cups sautéed vegetables, 1 cup roasted potatoes OR 3/4 c. rice/quinoa 2 Tbsp. olive oil on veggles 1 cup berries with 1 Tbsp. coconut cream or yogurt	Lean and Green-3 days/week 3 oz. Protein of choice 2-3 cups veggies 1 thsp. Healthy Fat (avocado/olive oil/tuna/salmon/nuts)		Portion sizes to remember: <u>Fruit</u> : 1 cup or 1 small <u>Veggies</u> : 1 cup paw or ½ cup cooked, NO UMIT <u>Protein</u> : 3-4 oz. Meat/cheese (1 oz. Max. on cheese) 2 Tosp. nuts/nut butter <u>Carbs</u> : 1 slice bread, 7-10 crackers, ½ c. rice/quinoa/corn/mashed potato, 1 c. cooked pasta, starchy veg like cut up potato,
Evening Snack	None				oatmeal Fat: 1 Tbsp. or about 90 calories

