

Daily Performance Snacks

When you are eating on the run and grabbing quick snacks, be sure to choose wholesome foods that enhance your performance.

Here are some snack ideas to implement into your daily fueling routine.

- Whole grain English muffin with peanut butter
 - Hummus, pita, and baby carrots
 - Trail mix with granola, nuts (peanuts, pecans, walnuts, almonds, soy nuts), dried fruit, or seeds (chia, flax, pumpkin, sunflower, sesame, hemp)
 - Whole grain cereal with Greek yogurt and frozen or fresh blueberries
 - Instant oatmeal made with low fat milk and slivered almonds
 - Whole grain crackers with low fat cheese/string cheese
 - Mini Bran muffin with nut butter (peanut, almond, or cashew)
 - Smoothies (milk, yogurt or juice; fresh or frozen fruit)
 - Plain yogurt with vanilla, honey, cinnamon, applesauce, fruit cocktail, or berries
- Nutrition bars:**
- > **All natural (have no added vitamins or minerals):** Cliff Mojo, Cliff Nectar, Honey Stinger Waffle, Kind, Larabar, NRG, Odwalla, Optimum, Kashi, thinkThin, Zing
 - > **Granola-type bars:** Nutri-Grain, Nature Valley Granola, PowerBar Harvest, and Quaker Chew
 - > **Protein Bar:** Atkins Advantage, Come Ready, Cliff Builder, EAS Myoplex Deluxe, Honey Stinger Protein, Lenny & Larry's, Muscle Brownie, PowerBar Protein Plus, thinkThin Protein, or Detour
 - > **Gluten-free:** AllerEnergy, Bora Bora, BumbleBar, First Endurance EFS, Good Greens, GoMacro, Hammer, KIND, Larabar, Pure, SOYJOY, ThinkThin, and Zing
 - > **Nut-free:** Avalanche, Odwalla Super Protein, Metaball, No Nuttin'
 - > **Peanut-free:** AllerEnergy, Larabar (has other nuts), Soy Rocks

Fact or Fiction

Fact or Fiction: Eating lots of sugar causes diabetes

The facts: Being overweight and underfit are the big culprits that contribute to diabetes. Spread carbohydrates evenly throughout the day-don't eliminate. The best cure is prevention.

Fact or Fiction: Peanut butter is very high in fat; don't eat it

The facts: Peanut butter is an outstanding sports food, high in protein, and a source of good fat.

Fact or Fiction: Energy bars contain special energy-boosting ingredients that you can't get from other foods

The facts: Energy bars do not have magical ingredients; they are simply a convenient source of energy.

Fact or Fiction: White bread is nutritionally worthless

The facts: Yes, it's not as wholesome and nutrient dense as whole grain bread, but most white breads are enriched with B vitamins and iron. Also, enriched white flour is a primary source of Folate. Add in white bread into an overall balanced sports diet.

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