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BY CHEF GEOFFREY ZAKARIAN

Serves: 6–8 People
Cook Time: 40 Minutes

### **INGREDIENTS**

1/4 cup minced shallots

- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 6 ounces unsalted butter, additional for buttering the pan
- 3 teaspoons salt, additional for pasta water
- 2 teaspoons fresh ground pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 quarts water
- 1 box of tube shaped pasta
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup goat cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup breadcrumbs

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Butter a 12" round or 9" x 13" non-stick cast iron pan.
- To start the bechamel sauce, saute shallots, and garlic in butter in a small saucepan and cook until translucent.
   Season with salt and pepper.
- Add in flour and whisk, making sure to not create clumps.
- Heat milk in a small saucepan on the side.
- Cook flour and butter until golden brown. Begin adding milk in stages to the mixture, whisking constantly. Cook an additonal 5–10 minutes stirring to ensure a smooth consistency.
- · Once bechamel has reduced,

- remove from heat and stir in the cheeses.
- Meanwhile, bring heavily salted water to a boil in a stock pot.
- Add pasta to boiling water and stir after 1 minute.
- Cook pasta according to box minus one minute, then drain. Add the pasta right into the sauce, stirring to combine.
- Pour mixture into the prepared cast iron pan.
- Sprinkle bread crumbs on top and bake for 15–20 minutes until the bread crumbs are golden brown.
- Remove pan from oven and serve.

TIP: To make your own breadcrumbs, start with day old bread, cut into large chunks and toss with olive oil, salt and pepper. Toast in the oven at 325°F for 8–10 minutes. Once out of the oven, pulse in a food processor. Can store in freezer in storage container for up to 6 months.



**SKILLET S'MORES DIP** 

10" NON-STICK CAST IRON SKILLET

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Serves: 4–6 People
Cook Time: 20 Minutes

## **INGREDIENTS**

1 bag semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 bag marshmallows (mini or regular) 1 tablespoon butter graham crackers

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 425°F.
- Melt butter in a 10" non-stick skillet on medium low heat and then add the chocolate chips to completely cover the bottom of the pan.
- Melt chocolate over medium heat on stove.
- Add marshmallows to completely cover the chocolate.
- · Bake in the oven on the middle rack.
- Once the marshmallows are golden brown take out of the oven and let cool for 5 minutes.
- Use the graham crackers for dipping and enjoy.

TIP: To brown marshmallows even further, move the skillet to top rack for 1–2 minutes or turn on the broiler.



SPATCHCOCK CHICKEN

12" NON-STICK CAST IRON SKILLET

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Serves: 3–4 People
Cook Time: 45–55 Minutes

## **INGREDIENTS**

31/2 pound whole chicken

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

kosher salt

fresh ground pepper

2 garlic cloves

2 rosemary sprigs

2 thyme sprigs

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- · Rinse chicken and pat dry.
- Flip chicken over on its breast side.
   Using poultry scissors cut along both sides of backbone. Press down to flatten the bird.
- Heat 12" non-stick cast iron skillet over medium high heat and add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the pan.
- Rub the chicken with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and generously season the chicken with salt and fresh ground pepper on both sides.
- Place the chicken skin side down into cast iron.

- Cook the skin until it starts to crisp on the edges and the color is golden brown.
- Flip the chicken over and add the garlic, rosemary, and thyme to the pan.
- Place 12" non-stick cast iron in the oven, and roast chicken skin side up for 30–40 minutes.
- Using a thermometer, check the temperature so that the thickest part of the thigh reads around 160°F
- Let rest for 10–15 minutes. Carve and serve.

TIPS: A good way of ensuring crispy skin is to place a heavy bottom pan directly on top of the chicken during the first few minutes of stovetop cooking.

You can ask your butcher to complete step 3 above.

During cooking, you can baste the chicken with pan juices to keep chicken moist and juicy.



# ROSEMARY POTATO GRATIN

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Serves: 6–8 People
Cook Time: 1½ Hours

## **INGREDIENTS**

4 russet potatoes

1 quart heavy cream

1 rosemary sprig

1 thyme sprig

1 garlic clove, smashed

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

4 cups Parmesan cheese

kosher salt

fresh ground pepper

### DIRECTIONS

- · Preheat oven to 425°F.
- In a medium saucepan, add heavy cream, rosemary, thyme, and smashed garlic. Bring to simmer and cook for 5 minutes.
- Strain out herbs and garlic and set aside.
- Wash and peel potatoes. Slice potatoes into 1/8" thick rounds.
- Butter non-stick cast iron pan. Arrange potatoes by shingling, overlapping each row on top of the next row.
- Between layers, season with salt, pepper, a layer of Parmesan

- cheese, and heavy cream. Repeat until potatoes are all used. When finished, you will have approximately 4 to 5 layers.
- On top of the last layer, sprinkle a heavy amount of Parmesan cheese to help create a goldenbrown crust.
- Cover pan with tin foil and bake on middle rack for 15 minutes.
- Remove foil and continue baking for 5–10 minutes or until golden brown and mixture is bubbling.
- Cool for 10–12 minutes and serve directly from baking dish.

TIP: This dish can be prepped ahead of time or even overnight and then covered and refrigerated until ready to bake.

You may substitute Pecorino or Grana Padano for the Parmesan cheese.