



Backyard Street Food

For you upcoming graduation party or next outdoor bash; consider fun familiar foods with a little twist as well as a build your own option with toppings & smears! Below please find a fun Greek street food concept which is a crowd pleaser from guests who want a more traditional pita sandwich to those who prefer the concept of using protein and other offerings to build a bowl, which is hot right now!

Smear Bar

- heirloom tomato bruschetta
- golden onion
- spinach artichoke
- fruited goat cheese bowls
- marinated fresh mozzarella balls
- cheese flatbread crisps
- crostini's, crackers, cucumber coins, house thick cut potato, pita & tortilla chips, veggie spears, house pickled vegetables.

Greek Street Food

chicken shawarma, petit falafel & lamb gyros

warm pita & za'atar spiced naan

red onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, basmati rice; saffron, spices herbs and olive oil

- lentil salad
- herb hummus
- garlic sauce
- kale parsley tabbouleh
- tomato-pesto salsa
- chunky tzatziki
- country olive salad
- pickled beet turnips
- fried chickpeas
- sheep feta with fried rosemary & olive oil

Chopped Modern Cypress Salad

romaine lettuce, kale, grape tomatoes, assorted radishes, Persian cumpers, fresh mint, celery, chickpeas, parsley, red cabbage, served with a lemon za'atar dressing and broken pita chips

Lemonade Spiked Sparkle Bar

- o blackberry basil
- o strawberry lemon
- o country lemon

An array of sparkling waters; to mix with lemonade or stand alone

Offer local vodkas (of course, for the over 21 guest) such as Detroit Distillery: Gilded Age or Valentine: White Blossom

Come Out and Play! – DIY Yard Games

Yardzee

Super easy! Take a 4x4" wood post and cut out 6 perfect square 4" cubes. You can stain the wood and/or paint them with the dots to create your dice. We used an old tin bucket to shack them up and toss them on the ground. Keep score and see who wins!

Giant Jenga

Another easy and simple craft game! Buy 6-6ft wood pieces measuring 2.5" wide by 1x1.25" thick. You will cut these into perfect 7" long pieces. These will create your timbers to stack. You can stain and/or paint these to customize them! Stacked them 3x3 and create your Jenga! Lets see who can keep it up the longest!

Giant Kerplunk

A childhood favorite supersized for your backyard! Take a large plastic plater and using zip ties adhere chicken wire. Simply paint some wooden dowels 4 different colors. From there all you need are some play bin balls and you are set!

Tic Tac Toe

Using a large slice of wood, paint the tic tac crosses. Once dry use different colored rocks as your pieces.

Décor

Summer is finally here and it's time to hangout side with family and friends! Here are some quick tips on how to decorate for a beautiful backyard get together. Using as much as you can around the house is always best. If you like the way your patio furniture or other larger items like lounge sitting. Use it! Coordinate with the colors you already have. Also, some DIY yard games to make your party even more fun!

Tabletop Ideas

Keeping it simple by using already potted plants. Succulents are low maintenance and when the party is over you can place them around your home or give them as gifts. Natural materials like concrete and wood always look good outdoors for containers for your plants. We had some left-over wood from a project and cut some slices out of a 4x4" post and created risers for candles on the table. We clustered those with our concrete planters with succulents. We used Royal Blue Gingham table clothes and napkins for a pop of color. Bamboo plates and miss match glass/ceramic

plates of our own. Check out your local Dollar Store for inexpensive glass cylinders for our bug repellent centerpiece.

Materials

- 8" glass cylinder
- 1-lime
- 1-lemon
- Few sprigs of rosemary
- Few drops of rosemary essential oil
- 1-floating candle
- 6oz of water

Directions

Slice up your lemons and limes. Add them to the cylinder with a few sprigs of rosemary. Fill the cylinder 1" under the top of the vase with water. Add a few drops of the rosemary essential oil (5-7 drops per cylinder). Add your floating candle and light it. This will look cute and help keep the bugs away!