

National Apple Month

# “Host an Apple Pairing Party” Tasting Menu

## BEVERAGES

### Hot Apple Cider

Greet guests with a steaming cup of hot apple cider garnished with a cinnamon stick and apple slice

### Caramel Peanut Butter Smoothie

Process 2 apples (peeled, cored, thinly sliced), 2 bananas, 6 oz. low-fat vanilla yogurt, ½ cup Smucker's® Natural Peanut Butter and 2 cups ice in blender until smooth. Drizzle with Marzetti® Caramel Dip. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

## FRESH APPLE PAIRINGS

### A Trio of Apple Dippers

Pick three apple varieties for dipping in Marzetti® Caramel Dip and/or Jif® Peanut Butter

● **Suggested varieties: Granny Smith, Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Crispin, Idared, Pink Lady**

### Grown-Up Caramel Apple

Spread Marzetti® Caramel Dip and cream cheese mixture on apple slice, sprinkle with chopped salted peanuts

● **Gala, Fuji**

### Apple-Chocolate-PB Cups

Sprinkle chocolate chips in a Jif® To Go™ Peanut Butter cup, garnish with apple wedge

● **Braeburn, Honeycrisp**

### PB & Apple Jelly Ginger Bites

Top apple slice with Smucker's® Natural Peanut Butter, apple jelly and optional crystallized ginger

● **Granny Smith, Ginger Gold**

### Cran-Apple with PB & Chocolate Sprinkles

Spread Jif® Peanut Butter on apple slice, top with chopped dried cranberries and mini chocolate chips

● **Gala, Honeycrisp**

### Thai Peanut Butter Apple Lettuce Cups

Stir lime, hot sauce and soy into Smucker's® Natural Peanut Butter, toss with chopped apples, serve in lettuce cups and garnish with pinch of scallions. Or, try a slice of chicken deli meat with the apple mixture rolled inside. Tip: for every 2 tbsp peanut butter, stir in about 1 tsp lime, a splash of soy sauce and a couple drops of hot sauce to taste.

● **Granny Smith**

### Ham-Wrapped Apple with Caramel

Roll apple slice in ham deli slice and drizzle with Marzetti® Caramel Dip

● **Golden Delicious, Jonagold**

### Cheddar Apple Pie, Deconstructed

Top apple slice with Marzetti® Caramel Dip and slice of cheddar, sprinkle with cinnamon sugar

● **Braeburn, Empire**

## DESSERT

### Caramel Apple Crisp

Make Marzetti® Caramel Apple Crisp as directed, and top with either crème fraiche and Marzetti® Caramel Dip mixture, or slice of cheddar cheese while hot

● **Granny Smith, McIntosh**

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