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Losing Weight and Keeping It Off-it can be done

While people lose weight all the time, keeping it off seems to be the difficult part. The National Weight Control Registry (NWCR) was established in 1994, not to help people lose weight, but rather to study adults who had already dropped 30 pounds or more and kept it off for one year.

Need for a lifestyle change

The NWCR has tracked more than 5,000 participants who have beaten the odds of regaining lost weight and all said the key to their successful weight loss was to stop thinking of weight loss as dieting and instead think of it as a lifestyle change. Participants lost weight in a variety of ways, but to keep it off, researchers found they had key things in common-a commitment to a lowcalorie, low-fat diet and a high level of physical activity.

How successful dieters avoid regaining those lost pounds

The registry's studies reveal key behaviors shared by these participants. Here are some of the behavioral trends noted among those successful in maintaining weight loss:

Lose weight to improve health

According to Suzanne Phelan, coinvestigator with the registry and Assistant Professor at Brown University, motivation counts. She notes, "People with medical triggers (such as diabetes and heart conditions) are more successful over time."

Change both diet and activity levels

The specifics of members' methods varied widely, but 90% stepped up their exercise and improved eating habits at the same time. They are an active group. Walking is their most common fitness activity, followed by weight lifting, bicycling, and aerobic exercise. Most importantly, they keep up their exercise even after losing the weight.



Eat more often

Most registry members eat five times a day, which usually means breakfast, lunch, dinner, and two between-meal snacks.

Follow the diet consistently

Stick to what got you there. People regain weight when they eat a little more on the weekend than they do on weekdays or ease up on exercise or stop weighing themselves because they reached their goal or feel down. Those who stick to their diet regimen seven days a week maintain their losses better.

Monitor progress

Monitoring food intake and tracking success can be encouraging as well as helpful. Patients need to become aware of patterns that are problematic in order to change what isn't working. Most participants continue to follow a healthful diet even after losing weight.

Nip a small weight gain in the bud Successful dieters catch a small weight gain (one or two pounds) and turn it around quickly. They make sure they continue to follow the steps that helped them achieve their weight loss and maintain it.

Stay upbeat

Staying upbeat seems to be a trait also shared by successful dieters.

<i>Watch less television</i> Of the registry participants, 64% watch no more than 10 hours weekly, compared with 28 hours for the average American.	Sometimes feelings of sadness can spur one to ignore their diet and overeat. A positive outlook combined with constructive goal setting can help one achieve and maintain their healthy weight.
Eat breakfast Almost 80% of those successful participants eat breakfast seven days a week. Most typical, was cereal with skim milk and fruit.	Those who continue to be successful at maintaining their loss find that it gets easier and that the reward for remaining vigilant in the long run is much greater than the short-term gratification of indulging.

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Member Benefits

My Meal Plan

Your personalized Slim-Fast Diet includes a variety of food choices, including greattasting Slim-Fast products. The Slim-Fast Diets are designed to meet your specific needs and provide a balance of lean proteins, complex carbohydrates and healthy fat blends to help keep you satisfied so you can stick to your diet. Your meal plan is designed to include healthy snacks between meals to help keep your blood sugar stable and satisfy your hunger. Remember to use the Substitute option to personalize your plan further. If you would like to choose other healthy foods that are not part of your recommended meal plan, you can always use the nutrition log, which gives you access to thousands of foods!

Meals for the week of July 9, 2006

2100 Calorie Plan Adjust my Calories

Remove checked items

Sunday (Printable Version for the Day)							
Breakfast Slim•Fast Optima Ready to Drink	Snack #1	Lunch Slim•Fast Optima Powder Shake and	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3		
Shake and Whole Grain Waffle	Apple and Peanut Butter	<u>Mozzarella</u> <u>Tomato</u> Sandwich	Slim•Fast Optima Snack Bar & Banana	Gingered Broiled Tuna	Orange and Soy Nuts		
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Monday (Printable Version for the Day)							
Breakfast	Snack #1	Lunch Slim•Fast Optima Ready	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3		
Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar and Yogurt	<u>Pineapple and</u> <u>Cottage</u> Cheese	To Drink Shake and Turkey Sandwich	Slim•Fast Optima Snack Bar & Raisins	<u>Glazed</u> Chicken and Acorn Squash	Banana with Peanut Butter		
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Tuesday (Printable Version for the Day)							
Breakfast	Snack #1	Lunch	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3		
Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar with Yogurt and Berries	Pretzels and Carrots	Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar and Citrus Spinach Salad	Slim•Fast Optima Snack Bar & Sweet Cranberries	Broiled Fish Kabobs	Graham Crackers with Banana		



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Wednesday (Printable Version for the Day)								
Breakfast	Snack #1	Lunch Slim•Fast	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3			
Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar with Milk and Orange	Raisins and <u>Almonds</u>	Optima Meal Bar and Turkey Sandwich	Strawberries, Cheese & <u>Banana</u>	Dilled Salmon	Peaches and Cottage <u>Cheese</u>			
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	Thursday (Printable Version for the Day)							
Breakfast	Snack #1	Lunch Slim•Fast	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3			
Slim•Fast Optima Powder Shake and English Muffin	Crackers and Hummus	Optima Ready To Drink Shake and Peanut Butter Jelly Bagel	Slim•Fast Optima Snack Bar & Banana	Stuffed Green Pepper	Raisins and Peanuts			
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Friday (Printable Version for the Day)								
Breakfast	Snack #1	Lunch	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3			
Slim•Fast Optima Ready To Drink Shake and Peanut Butter Toast	Raisins and Peanuts	Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar and Citrus Spinach Salad	Slim•Fast Optima Snack Bar & Raisins	<u>Spinach Pita-</u> Pizza	Banana, <u>Berries and</u> Yogurt			
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Saturday (Printable Version for the Day)								
Breakfast	Snack #1	Lunch	Snack #2	Dinner	Snack #3			
Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar and Banana	Strawberries, Yogurt & Crackers	Slim•Fast Optima Meal Bar and Turkey Sandwich	Strawberries, Yogurt & Crackers	Healthy Choice®, favorite meal	Raisins and Soy Nuts			
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Remove checked items

Please periodically retake the Lifestyle Questionnaire as your weight and/or exercise intensity changes to insure you are receiving the correct recommended calorie level.

Please be aware that any changes you make when updating information in the lifestyle questionnaire can change your recommended calorie level, food choices in your Weekly Meal Plan and past foods logged (if they were not saved) in your Nutrition Log.

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Next Week

Print all Meals

Print all Dinners Only

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Every individual is different and will experience different results when following the Slim-Fast Plan. If you want to lose weight and are under 18, pregnant, nursing, following a diet recommended by a doctor, have health problems or want to lose more than 30 pounds, see a doctor before starting the Slim-Fast Plan or any diet. Do not lose more than two pounds per week after the first week. Rapid weight loss may cause health problems. Also, do not use Slim-Fast as a sole source of nutrition and eat at least 1,200 calories per day.

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food exchanges

meal options

Slim • Fast Ready To Drink (RTD) Shake Milk based, all flavors - 11 fl oz can 2 carbohydrate, 1 fat free milk

Slim • Fast RTD with Soy Protein Shake Juice based, all flavors - 11.5 fl oz can 3 carbohydrate

Slim • Fast RTD with Soy Protein Shake Chocolate; Vanilla - 11 fl oz can 2¹/₂ carbohydrate, 1 very lean meat

Slim • Fast Regular & Ultra Powder Shake All flavors - 1 scoop with 8 fl oz fat free milk 1¹/2 carbohydrate, 1 fat free milk

Slim • Fast Powder with Soy Protein Shake All flavors - 2 scoops with 8 fl oz cold water 2 carbohydrate Slim • Fast Meal On-The-Go® Bar All flavors - 1 bar 2¹/2 carbohydrate, ¹/2 fat

Slim • Fast Chewy Granola Meal Bar All flavors - 1 bar 2¹/2 carbohydrate, ¹/2 fat

Slim • Fast Deliciously Layered Meal Bar All flavors - 1 bar 2¹/₂ carbohydrate, ¹/₂ fat

Slim • Fast High Protein Meal Bar All flavors - 1 bar 1¹/2 carbohydrate, ¹/2 fat, 2 very lean meats

Slim • Fast Breakfast & Lunch Bar All flavors - 1 bar with 8 fl oz fat free milk 1¹/2 carbohydrate, 1 fat free milk, ¹/2 fat Slim • Fast Pasta and Sauce Shells and Cheese; Fettuccine Alfredo -1 serving 2¹/2 carbohydrate, 1 fat

Slim • Fast Pasta and Sauce Rotini with Tomato and Italian Herb -1 serving 3 carbohydrate

Slim • Fast Creamy Soup Potato Cheddar and Chive - 1 serving 2¹/2 carbohydrate, ¹/2 fat

Slim • Fast Creamy Soup Chicken Flavored; Broccoli - 1 serving 2 carbohydrate, 1 fat

snack options

Slim • Fast Snack Bar All flavors - 1 bar 1¹/2 carbohydrate, ¹/2 fat Slim • Fast Low Fat Ice Cream Sandwich Vanilla; Chocolate - 1 serving 2 carbohydrate Slim • Fast Low Fat Frozen Fudge Bar 1 serving 1¹/2 carbohydrate

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ATTACHMENT IV



The Slim Fast Optima Diet

Physical Activity

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Advice & Support

filling up on fluids



The days are now longer, and the sun is starting to keep us outdoors more. With the warmer weather coming, you may begin enjoying more recreational activities. It's easier to exercise and spend time working outside in the garden. Toiling in the heat may cause you to sweat more, and just like clockwork, you reach for fluids to replenish any losses. But, wait! Liquids may contain calories too,

and we know that excess calories cause weight gain over time. So, which fluids are good for weight control?

If we rank them by importance, plain water rests at the top. Right out of the tap, it's inexpensive and convenient. If your water has an off-odor or taste, refrigerate it or buy a pitcher with a filtering device. Replace the filter as per the manufacturer's recommendations because leaving it in the pitcher too long may result in an overgrowth of organisms.

Apart from tap or home-filtered water, it's okay to buy bottled water. Avoid the bottled waters with vitamins, minerals and herbal products added to them. These are too costly for the amount of nutrients you get and you would be better off buying a standard multivitamin.

Next on the list is flavored water. These are great alternatives for people who dislike the taste of plain water and usually they contain zero or negligible calories. Ingredients should be listed as water and some type of flavoringsuch as orange, raspberry or lime-and that's it. If you see calories on the nutrition facts label, skip that brand and move to the next. Furthermore, if the label says sugar, corn syrup, or honey, put back that product too. The flavored seltzers are quite satisfying without any sugar added.

Sports drinks are an alternative for elite athletes, like long distance runners, or people playing vigorous sports. Unless you are expending a great deal of energy and sweating profusely for hours, most likely you don't need a sports drink. And besides, they are sweetened and contain a lot of calories.



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ask the dietitian All Posted Questions

Q: Can I drink something other then water? Thanks

A: Because the Slim-Fast Plan is meant to help you reduce your total calorie intake, we recommend limiting your beverages to non caloric drinks. This would include water "the beverage of choice", unsweetened tea (like herbal tea, jasmine tea, or green tea) or artificially sweetened tea and coffee, Lipton® lced Tea To Go, very low calorie flavored drinks like Crystal Light® (5 calories), flavored seltzer water and diet sodas are ok to drink and will count toward your fluid needs for the day. This way you leave more of your daily calories for food.

We recommend you drink at least eight 8 oz glasses of water or calorie-free beverages every day to meet the bodies basic fluid needs to help process the foods you eat and keep you hydrated for general health.

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ask the dietitian Can I Have ...?

Q: I enjoy drinking coffee and tea on a regular basis. Is it okay to have a cup or two a day while on the Slim Fast diet? Will it effect the results?

A: Coffee and tea, sweetened with sugar substitute or unsweetened, are very acceptable beverages on the Slim-Fast Plan. The beverages provide fluid, flavor and help keep you hydrated and possibly even help you stay on the Plan. If you like lots of cream, try to use small amounts of fat-free milk to whiten your coffee so you do not add significant calories. Also, some experts advise drinking decaffeinated beverages for hydration. Caffeine has a mild dehydrating effect and unless you are a serious athlete, caffeinated beverages provide more fluid than they cause you to lose. Enjoy!

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