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Sample meal plan 2,200-2,400 calories +200-400 calories for exercise days

Nutrition Plan:

- Be sure to include high intensity interval training (HIIT) for 30 min 3
 x/wk. Focus on quality of workout.
- Total protein per day is approximately 120 grams (15 ounces) divided into 3 meals and possibly 2-3 snacks
- Meals can have 30-40 grams protein + two snacks around 15 grams protein each
- Try to have vegetables with every meal, should take up half of your plate
- Fruit can have 2-4 servings per day, 1 serving =
 - 34 cup berries, 1 small banana, 1 small orange/apple, 12 cup mango, 12 grapes

<u>Breakfast</u>

- 3-4 egg whites (2 yolks every other day) ½ avocado, salsa
 - Can also have 2 slices bread with breakfast I like Vermont Bread
 Company or Ezekiel 4:9 (orange label)
- Toast and peanut butter and 1 fruit (see fruit list above)

 Steel cut oatmeal w/2-3 Tbsp peanut butter or 3 hb eggs/egg whites on side, chopped walnuts + 1 fruit

Lunch

- Large salad, nuts, avocado, chicken, beans side fruit, crackers/bread
- Turkey sandwich make sure to have vegetable on side, may need to bring from home
- 2 cans tuna packed in oil (no salad dressing) over lettuce, can put in wrap (1 large or 2 small) with vegetables (sliced cucumbers or tomatoes), + 1 fruit
- Hummus on wrap with lettuce and avocado, 1 fruit
- Can also use leftovers from night before, may need to bring plain yogurt and fruit to supplement

4pm Snack

Plain low-fat yogurt (Siggi's, Dannon) and apple, can add sliced banana and few Tbsp granola to yogurt

Apple and small handful nuts

1/2 cup Hummus and celery, carrots, cucumbers

Bag of popcorn

Handful triscuits, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup tuna salad, apple (on Exercise days when hungry)

<u>Dinner</u>

- 1/2 plate vegetables
- 14 plate starch (best starches are beans, lentils, brown rice, quinoa, sweet potato)
- 14 plate lean protein (chicken, fish, turkey, egg whites yolks on occasion, tofu)

^{**}Package dinners for lunch the following day**