

Smokey Apple & Butternut Squash Soup

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 large onions, finely chopped (about 4–1/2 cups)
- 1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- 2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cut into chunks (about 6 cups)
- 1 pound sweet apples, peeled and cut into chunks (about 3–1/2 cups)
- 1 cup apple juice (more if necessary)
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- **1.** Heat oil and butter in large saucepan; add onions and chili powder; cook and stir until onions are tender, about 10 minutes.
- **2.** Add squash, apples, apple juice, chicken broth, salt and pepper; bring to boil.
- **3.** Cover and cook on low heat until apples and squash are very soft, about 30 minutes. Cool.
- **4.** Puree with an immersion blender or a food processor; return to saucepan.
- **5.** Add additional apple juice or broth, if needed.
- **6.** Garnish with toasted pecans, sour cream swirls and thin apple slices, if desired. Makes about 7 cups.

Nutrition Info: Each serving (1 cup) contains 130 calories, 23 g carbohydrate (3 g fiber), 2 g protein, 4 g fat (1.5 g saturated fat), 5 mg cholesterol, and 290 mg sodium.

