Raspberry Oat Bars

Source: Chef Scotty **Yield:** 12 servings

Filling:

1-pint raspberries1 T date paste1 t lemon juice

2 T ground chia seeds

Crust:

2 c old-fashioned rolled oats

% c oat flour% c date sugar

½ c coconut oil, softened

Topping:

¼ c sliced almonds

- 1. To make the filling, cook raspberries, date paste and lemon juice over medium heat until the berries release their juices.
- 2. Remove from heat and stir in the chia seeds. Return to heat and cook until thickened.
- 3. To make the crust, add all ingredients in a food processor and pulse until a dough forms.
- 4. Reserve ¾ c of the crust mix. Press remaining crust mix into the bottom of a lightly greased 8x8 baking pan.
- 5. Top with raspberry filling and then sprinkle with reserved crust and top with the almonds.
- 6. Bake at 325°F for 25-30 minutes until golden brown and filling is bubbling around the edges.
- 7. Cool completely before cutting into 12 bars.

Chef Scotty's Notes:

A healthier option to traditional jam bars. This works well with either fresh or frozen berries. Try this with blueberries, blackberries or Marionberries.

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