DIRECTIONS FOR: PEACH-GINGER JULEP

INGREDIENTS

2 ripe peaches, roughly chopped (or prepared frozen peaches unthawed)

2 Tbsp granulated sugar

¼ cup fresh mint leaves, plus mint sprigs for garnish

2 cups bourbon

Crushed ice

1 cup good-quality dry ginger ale

DIRECTIONS

1. Muddle the peaches, sugar and mint leaves in a small pitcher. Stir in the bourbon and let sit for 15 minutes. Fill four tall glasses with crushed ice. Strain the peach-bourbon mixture into the glasses and top off with the ginger ale. Serve garnished with mint sprigs.

DIRECTIONS FOR: FRENCH ELDERFLOWER KISS COCKTAIL

INGREDIENTS

4 oz grapefruit juice

2 oz vodka

2 oz elderflower liqueur

2 tsp lemon juice, (about 1/2 lemon) plus 2 thin lemon slices for garnish

2 dashes bitters, lemon

DIRECTIONS

1. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the grapefruit juice, vodka, elderflower liqueur, lemon juice and lemon bitters and shake well. Strain into 2 coupe glasses. Float a thin lemon slice on top of each.

DIRECTIONS FOR: MOUTH-WATERING STRAWBERRY LEMONADE MOJITO

INGREDIENTS

8 lemon wedges

8 medium-sized strawberries (including 4 for garnish)

24 leaves mint

4 sprigs mint sprigs, to garnish

2 oz white rum

¼ cup lemon juice

4 Tbsp agave nectar

1 cup Club Soda

ice cubes

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a cocktail shaker muddle the lemon wedges, 4 strawberries and mint leaves. If you're lacking bar tools (like me!), use a mason jar and a spoon.
- 2. Add rum, lemon juice, agave nectar, and ice cubes and shake well.
- 3. Fill glasses with ice and pour 1/4 cup club soda in each glass.
- 4. Strain the mix into each cup (if using a mason jar, use the lid as a strainer).
- 5. Garnish with strawberries and mint sprigs.

DIRECTIONS FOR: TEQUILA REFRESCA

INGREDIENTS

Ice cubes

1 oz tequila, white or gold

Dash of Campari

6 oz grapefruit soda (recommended: Fresca)

Small wedge fresh pineapple, grapefruit and lime

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Fill a goblet or rocks glass with ice cubes. Add the tequila and a dash of Campari to give the drink a slight blush and balance the sweetness of the soda. Top off with the grapefruit soda. Skewer the fruit and stir into the cocktail. Drink.
- 2. Serve with a plate of wedged pineapple, a small bowl of your favorite chili powder, and coarse salt, for dipping.