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RECIPIE OF THE MONTH:

ALFREDO SHRIMP SCAMPI DUMP DINNER

Active Time	Total Time	Yield
5 mins	30 mins	Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, plus more for the casserole dish
- 12 ounces rotini pasta
- 1 pound frozen peeled and deveined medium shrimp
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/3 cup loosely packed fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup heavy cream, warmed



DIRECTIONS

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Generously grease the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish with butter.

Step 2

Spread the rotini in an even layer in the bottom of the prepared dish. Scatter the shrimp over top and dot with the cubes of butter. Pour in the broth, then sprinkle with the red pepper flakes, garlic, lemon zest, 2 teaspoons salt and some black pepper. Cover with aluminum foil and bake until the pasta is al dente, about 25 minutes.

Step 3

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, toss together the Parmesan and parsley. When the pasta is done, stir in the warm cream and top with the cheese mixture.

Courtesy of: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/alfredo-shrimp-scampi-dump-dinner-5500650>

SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE Q&A WITH TRAVELER'S INSURANCE®

Q: What does Special Event Insurance Cover?



A: Travelers can help protect the investments you've made for your private event. We provide coverage for anniversary parties, birthday parties, bar mitzvahs, baby showers and retirement parties.

A Travelers Special Event Insurance Policy can cover:

- Cancellation or postponement of the event
- Event photographs/video
- Event gifts
- Special attire
- Special jewelry
- Lost deposits
- Liability insurance (optional coverage)
- Liquor liability insurance (optional coverage)

Q: Do I need a certificate of Insurance for my Event?

A: More venues are now requiring certificates of insurance for events. A certificate of insurance provides information about your coverage, and is often requested to validate liability insurance. Liability insurance can help protect your interests from unfortunate mishaps such as a slip and fall or damage to property at the event.

Courtesy of Travelers Insurance®.

10 WAYS TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY AT THE WORKPLACE

If you'd like to celebrate Labor Day at your workplace, here are a few ways you can get into the spirit and show your appreciation this Labor Day:

1. Write personal notes of appreciation.

Take time out of your schedule to write your employee's heartfelt thank you notes. It's a great way to uniquely thank them for their service and let them know their hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

2. Let your employees get a head start on the weekend.

The feeling of excitement before a three day weekend is palpable. Sweeten the pot by announcing that your employees can leave a couple of hours early in celebration of Labor

Day. Giving your blessing to get a head start on the holiday will definitely make your employees feel appreciated.

3. Have the bosses cook for the employees.

Turn the hierarchy upside down the day before Labor Day weekend by having management cook for the employees. A barbeque is a great way to let everyone relax, and flipping burgers or hot dogs over a grill is low-key and delicious.

4. Treat the team to a meal.

Whether you're ordering food for the office or footing the bill for a team trip down the street, offering free meals is a celebratory gesture that will save your employees on cash and fill their tummies with happiness.

5. Host a potluck.

Invite everyone to bring a dish and set aside a chunk of time during the day when the entire team is welcome to eat, relax, and socialize.

6. Give mini bonuses.

If your budget allows it, you can give mini bonuses to top employees or, share the love between everyone, the entire staff. Bonuses don't have to be expensive – you can give mini gift cards to Starbucks or offer an extra paid vacation day.

7. Get silly.

If you'd like to give back to your team, come up with fun awards, such as Hardest Worker, Most Company Spirit, Best Team Player, etc. Ask employees to cast their votes and announce the winners on Friday preceding the weekend. You can thank the winners with a mini bonus, a printed certificate, or a small trophy!

8. Host a picnic.

If you've got the green space near your office, use it to your advantage. Have a company outing and spend the afternoon relaxing on the grass and picnic-ing. Make sure to pack food and beverages the whole company will enjoy, as well as games and activities.

9. Throw an all-white party.

If you want to kick the Labor Day weekend off with a bang, throw a festive "all-white" party and ask employees to wear white the preceding Friday before Labor Day. You can offer white foods like vanilla ice creams, cupcakes, etc. or you can choose a more patriotic theme or even a carnival theme.

10. Bring in treats.

Celebrating Labor Day doesn't have to be a time-consuming affair. Something as simple as bringing in a box of donuts or cupcakes can make the day more special. Set the baked goods in the common area or kitchen, and leave a festive Labor Day note wishing everyone well and thanking them for all their hard work.

Honoring your workforce is just as important today as it was during the peak of the Industrial Revolution when Labor Day was first celebrated.



Courtesy of <https://fingercheck.com/10-ways-to-celebrate-labor-day-at-the-office/>

AVOID DEADLY DISTRACTIONS BEHIND THE WHEEL

Many people have a limited definition of “distracted driving”: They think it only means texting behind the wheel.

There's good reason for that, because texting requires visual, manual and cognitive attention – the same attention required for safe driving. But although texting is perhaps the most dangerous distraction, there are many others that can impact how you drive, whether you realize it or not. And they can be just as deadly.

How deadly? According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and U.S. Department of Transportation, in 2014 more than 400,000 people were injured in crashes caused by distracted drivers – with more than 3,000 killed.

Here are just a few of the things that can distract drivers on the road:

- Talking on the phone, even with a hands-free device.
- Eating or drinking.
- Talking to passengers.
- Grooming (yes, there really are people who apply makeup or shave on their way to work).
- Reading, including maps.
- Adjusting the stereo.



Younger drivers are the most distracted of all – according to the government's distraction.gov website, people in their 20s make up 38% of drivers who were using cell phones before a fatal crash, and 10% of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes were distracted, too.

With distractions more prevalent than ever – more than 150 billion text messages are sent in the U.S. every month, for example – how can you, and those you love, be safer behind the wheel? Here are a few tips:

- **Don't use the phone:** This includes texting as well as talking, unless it's an emergency. Even hands-free conversations can take your attention off the road.
- **Eat before you leave, or after you get there:** Scarfing down that burger with one hand on the wheel means your focus is divided – and you probably don't have as much control over your car as you should. Bonus benefit: Keeping your meals and your driving separate means you're much less likely to get ketchup on your pants.
- **Know where you're going:** Nobody likes to be lost. But messing around with your car's GPS (or the maps app on your smartphone) while you're moving can lead to something you'll hate even more – an accident.

- **Talk to your family about safe driving:** Having a conversation with your spouse as they're driving home? That's a perfect opportunity to say, "I'll let you focus on the road; we can talk when you get here." And if you have young drivers in the household, be sure to have a conversation about their phones and other potential issues, such as their passengers – a key distraction for teens.
- **Watch for other distracted drivers:** Just because you aren't distracted doesn't mean that other drivers are focused on safe driving. Stay in control and be vigilant – you'll be ready to react when someone else makes the wrong move.

Distracted driving isn't just "one of those things" that happens, like a tire blowout or mechanical failure that isn't anyone's fault. It's 100% preventable – and by committing to avoiding distractions while you drive, you'll help make the road safer for everyone.

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CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER WITH US!

Labor Day – September 7 th	National Wildlife Day- September 4 th
National Cheese Pizza Day – September 5 th	National Teddy Bear Day- September 9 th
National Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Day- September 11	National Grandparents Day- September 13 th
National Working Parents Day- September 16 th	National POW/MIA Day- September 18 th
National Wife Appreciation Day- September 20 th	National Ice Cream Cone Day- September 22 nd
National Quesadilla Day- September 25 th	National Hunting and Fishing Day – September 26 th
National Coffee Day- September 29 th	National Love People Day- September 30 th





VALLEY AG REMEMBERS 9/11

Valley Ag Insurance would like to recognize the heroes and victims from the horrific attack on September 11th, 2001. Thank you to the first responders who assisted the affected areas and risked their lives to save others. To the victims and their families, we are sorry for your loss but thankful that we get to remember them yearly on Patriot Day.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET.





