

Aug. 8: Noodles & Company Celebrates National Zucchini Day With Three New Dishes And Free Zoodles

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For one day only, guests can put a fresh twist on their favorite noodle bowls trying the sought-after zucchini noodles for no added fee, or opt for the new Bacon Jalapeño Mac & Cheese

BROOMFIELD, Colo., Aug. 1, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Noodles & Company (NASDAQ: NDLS), known for serving classic noodle and pasta dishes inspired by flavors from around the world, today announced all guests who order any entrée on National Zucchini Day, Wednesday, Aug. 8, can swap in Zoodles in place of classic noodles for free (normally a \$0.75 charge). The celebration of all things zucchini will also shine a spotlight on Noodles & Company's latest featured dishes—the Zucchini Pesto with Grilled Chicken and Zucchini Romesco. For those seeking something more comforting with a bit of a kick, Noodles & Company will also debut its Bacon Jalapeño Mac & Cheese.



"For anyone looking to celebrate this fun and healthy holiday, look no further than Noodles & Company," said Nick Graff, executive chef at Noodles & Company. "Our Zoodles have a delightful crunch and mild taste that absorb the flavor profile of any dish—even our famous Wisconsin Mac & Cheese. Even better, they fit the bill for those looking to eat a lighter meal or pack more vegetables into their diet."

Zoodles are packed with vitamin C and potassium and meet a variety of dietary needs and preferences including gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan. Additionally, a regular portion of zucchini noodles has 90 percent fewer calories and carbs than a regular portion of elbow noodles.

The three new featured dishes rolling out on Wednesday, Aug. 8, include:

- Zucchini Pesto with Grilled Chicken: Zucchini noodles with basil pesto and garlic, cream, grilled chicken, mushrooms, tomato and Parmesan.
- Zucchini Romesco: Sweet and tangy, with an almond-roasted red pepper sauce, cream, sundried tomato, garden vegetables and feta.
- Bacon Jalapeño Mac & Cheese: Noodles' famous Wisconsin Mac & Cheese with smoky bacon and crispy jalapeños

Zoodles first spun their way onto the scene back in May when Noodles & Company became the first fast casual-restaurant to launch zucchini noodles nationwide, giving everyone in the family more to choose from on the menu.

"Zoodles have already become the go-to guilt-free choice since we began serving them, offering guests a healthier way to enjoy the world flavors they love at Noodles," Graff continued. "Each of our 400+ locations nationwide hand-spiralize an average of 16 pounds of zucchini a day, and we've already served 500,000 pounds! It's safe to say zucchini noodles are here to stay."

On Wednesday, Aug. 8, all guests can take advantage of the National Zucchini Day offer by visiting any Noodles & Company location and swapping in Zoodles for free in their favorite entree. To find the nearest Noodles & Company restaurant, visit <u>noodles.com</u>.

About Noodles & Company

<u>Noodles & Company</u> is a fast-casual restaurant chain where its globally inspired dishes come together to create a World Kitchen. Recognized previously by Parents magazine as a Top Family Friendly Restaurant and by Health magazine as one of America's Healthiest Fast Food Restaurants, Noodles & Company is a restaurant where Japanese Pan Noodles rest comfortably next to Penne Rosa and Wisconsin Mac & Cheese, but where world flavors don't end at just noodles. Inspired by some of the world's most celebrated flavor combinations, Noodles & Company's menu offers soups, salads and shareables. Noodles & Company makes everything fresh to order, just as you like it, using quality ingredients. Servers deliver dishes to the table, allowing guests to sit and relax or grab a quick bite. With more than 400 locations nationwide, from California to Connecticut, guests can find a location near them and tour the global menu by visiting <u>www.noodles.com</u>.

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