Banana Jungle Pops
Frozen bananas on a stick!

Level: Easy
Makes: 12

Ingredients:
- 6 whole bananas
- 3/4 cup peanut butter (creamy or chunky)
- 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups crushed crisp rice cereal

Directions:
1. Peel and cut bananas in half, crosswise. Insert wooden skewer or popsicle stick in cut ends. On a baking sheet lined with waxed paper, place bananas and freeze until firm, or about 2 hours.

2. Melt peanut butter, chips and oil in a tall, narrow glass in microwave 1 to 2 minutes, stirring after each minute of cooking. Spread crushed cereal on waxed paper.

3. Dip each frozen banana in chocolate mixture, coating evenly. Immediately roll in crushed cereal. Freeze again about 30 minutes before eating. For longer storage, wrap each banana in aluminum foil.

Helpful Hints: If you don’t have a microwave, melt peanut butter, chips and oil in a heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently, so the mixture does not burn.

An easy way to crush the cereal is to put it in a zip-type plastic bag and let kids either crush it with their hands or use a rolling pin.

Safety Tips: The melted chocolate mixture is hot, so instruct kids to use a dry hot pad to remove it from the microwave or stovetop. It’s hard for small hands to hold the glass with one hand and dip the banana with other hand. Encourage working in pairs while dipping the banana and rolling in cereal.

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