Jalapeño Popper Poutine

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Yield: 25 Servings

Serving: 8 oz. potato wedges, 2 oz. jalapeño cheese filling, 3 oz. shredded chicken, 1/2 oz. sour cream, 1 Tbsp. chopped green onions

Ingredients

- 25 oz. Jalapeño Cheese Filling (recipe below)
- 12 lbs. 8 oz. potato wedges, frozen, precooked
- 4 lbs. 11 oz. chicken, shredded
- 12 1/2 oz. sour cream, fat free
- 1/2 cup + 1 Tbsp. onions, green, including tops, chopped

Jalapeño Cheese Filling

Combine in mixer bowl 4 3/4 oz. sliced jalapeño peppers, 9 oz. light cream cheese, 7 1/2 oz. feather-shred mild Cheddar cheese and 7 1/2 oz. USDA shredded Mozzarella. Mix on low until jalapeños are blended in. Mix on medium until evenly mixed.

Directions

1. Put prepared filling in 4-inch hotel pan. Cover or wrap and cook at 300° until temperature reaches 165°, stirring often.
2. Spread potato wedges in single layer on sheet pans and cook at 350° until browned and temperature reaches 165°, stirring frequently.
3. Place chicken in hotel pan and cover or wrap and heat at 350° until temperature reaches 165°.

Assembly: In #2 paper boat, portion 1 cup potato wedges. Top with 3 oz. chicken, 2 oz. Jalapeño Cheese Filling, 1/2 oz. sour cream, and 1 Tbsp. green onions.

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving:

- Calories: 851
- Total fat: 20.44 g
- Saturated fat: 9.19 g
- Cholesterol: 97.95 mg
- Sodium: 987.46 mg
- Carbohydrates: 122.25 g
- Dietary fiber: 8.92 g
- Sugars: 7.40 g
- Protein: 47.71 g
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