

Almond Butter **Energy Balls**

10-15 pitted dates

INGREDIENTS ½ tsp pure vanilla extract

1 cup raisins

2 TBS of chia seed

½ cup rolled oats

½ cup of mixed nuts, seeds, dried fruit

3/4 cups natural almond butter

½ cup carob chips or 70% Dark chocolate

2 Tbs Raw honey

½ cup unsweetened coconut

2 TBS ground Flax seed

INSTRUCTIONS:

One: Bring a kettle of water to boil. In heat-proof bowl, add dates. Add boiling water to cover. Set aside for 5 minutes. Remove dates from water with a slotted spoon and reserve 2 tbsp of the soaking water; discard remaining water.

Two: To food processor, add dates, reserved soaking water, raisins, almond butter and honey. Process until smooth. Add vanilla and process until combined.

Three: Add oatmeal, flax seed, chia seed food processor and process on high until a soft, sticky dough forms, about 30 seconds.

Four: Using a small cookie scoop or a spoon, spoon 1 thsp portions of dough and roll into round balls with hands.

Five: Place coconut into a bowl, roll balls in coconut until coated

**Transfer balls to a resealable freezer bag or covered container and refrigerate. Can freeze up to one month. Thaw for 5-10 minutes before serving