Grilled Banana S’mores

Serves 8. Prep time 15 minutes - Grilling time 15 to 21 minutes
Special equipment 8-by-8-inch baking pan suitable for the grill.

Grocery List: 2 firm but ripe medium bananas, 5 tbsp unsalted butter, 1 large egg, 1 cup graham cracker crumbs, 1tsp brown sugar, 4 cups mini marshmallows, 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips.

Crust
1 cup graham cracker crumbs, 4 tbsp unsalted butter - melted, 1 egg yolk, 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted 1 tsp brown sugar, 2 medium bananas - firm but ripe, 4 cups mini marshmallows, 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips. Prepare the grill for indirect and direct cooking over medium heat (about 400°F).

In a large bowl combine the crust ingredients and mix well. Firmly and evenly press the mixture into the bottom of an 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Grill the crust over indirect medium heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until firm, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove the crust from the grill and set aside to cool for about 10 minutes. This will allow the crust to set.

In a small bowl combine the butter and brown sugar. Cut each banana in half lengthwise and leave the skins attached (they will help the bananas hold their shape on the grill). Liberally brush the cut side of the bananas with the butter mixture.

Grill the bananas, cut side down, over direct medium heat, with the lid open, until they start to soften, 2 to 4 minutes, without turning. Let cool briefly and then score the bananas into 1/2-inch slices, cutting through just to the peel.

Fill the baking pan with 2 cups of the marshmallows, making sure they cover the bottom of the crust evenly. Next, scoop out and distribute the slices of grilled banana, followed by the remaining 2 cups of marshmallows.

Grill the pie over indirect medium heat, with the lid closed, keeping the temperature of the grill as close to 400°F as possible, until the marshmallows have puffed up and started to brown, 5 to 7 minutes. At this point carefully sprinkle the chocolate chips over the top and continue cooking until the chips appear glossy and melted, about 2 minutes. Remove the pie from the grill and let cool for about 5 minutes. Spoon into small serving bowls and serve warm.

Enjoy!
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