

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2006 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Eating Right Makes a Difference

Objectives/Goals

Abstract

The objective of my project is to see how much weight I can lose in one week by altering my eating habits to healthier ones. My goal is to lose up to, but no more than, five pounds by following this procedure. I think this project will benefit me by helping me to find more alternatives to junk food.

Methods/Materials

During week one, I kept a food diary to find out my regular habits in eating and exercize. Every night during week one and two, I went online to a food pyramid website, entered my foods, and kept a record of the analyzed nutrients. During week two, I tried to eat healthier, according to what nutrients I needed to recieve more or less of. I also tried to exercize more.

Results

I lost five pounds in week two by following my procedure. I Learned what I am not eating enough of and what I am eating to much of. I also learned more about the nuttrition facts panel on food labels. I think the biggest challenge in this project was trying to find healthy foods for me to eat because there are not many healthy foods that I enjoy eating.

Conclusions/Discussion

This project did in fact help me to find more alternatives to junk food. This purpose can also benefit other kids around the state or country. The school systems are taking out snack vending machines and soda machines more and more. This can help kids realize that there are more options out there. Lastly, this project can help with obesity around the nation. This project was very helpful.

Summary Statement

My project is about finding out more about safe weight loss and healthy foods.

Help Received

My neighbors, Tim and Tammy Babcock, let me borrow their computer to print out my supplies.