Dips

# **Spinach Dip**

Serves 24

box frozen spinach, thawed & drained (squeeze out all liquid)
 cup mayonnaise
 cup sour cream
 pkg Lipton vegetable mix
 green onions, finely chopped
 (4 oz) can water chestnuts, drained and chopped

In medium bowl, mix all ingredients with salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate overnight. Serve with chips, crackers or vegetables.

#### **Cheesy Sausage Dip** Serves 24

Pound reduced sodium pork sausage
 (2 pound) Velveeta loaf, cubed
 (8 oz) sour cream
 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes
 2 green onions, chopped

In skillet, brown sausage and drain on paper towel. In medium saucepan, over medium heat, melt Velveeta. In medium bowl, mix sausage, Velveeta, sour cream, tomatoes and chopped onion. Serve warm with chips, crackers or vegetables.

## **BLT Dip**

Serves 16

pound bacon
 cup mayonnaise
 cup sour cream
 tomato, peeled, seeded and diced

Fry bacon until crispy. Drain on paper towel and crumble. In medium bowl, mix all ingredients with salt and pepper to taste. Chill and serve with chips, crackers or vegetables.

## **French Onion Dip**

Serves 16

1 1/4 cup sour cream1/2 cup mayonnaise1/8 cup chopped green onion1 (1 oz) pkg dry onion soup mix

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In small bowl, mix all ingredients together with salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate for several hours. Serve with chips, crackers or vegetables.

#### Seven Layer Taco Dip

Serves 56

1 (1 oz) pkg taco seasoning mix
1 (16 oz) can refried beans
1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
1 (16 oz) sour cream
1 large tomato, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 bunch green onion, chopped
1 small head iceberg lettuce, shredded
1 (6 oz) can sliced black olives, drained
2 cups shredded cheddar or fiesta blend cheese

In medium bowl, blend taco seasoning and refried beans. Spread mixture onto large serving platter. In medium bowl, cream cheese and sour cream together. Spread mixture over refried beans. Layer remaining ingredients over first two layers in this order: tomato, bell pepper, onions, lettuce, and cheese. Garnish with black olives. (I don't. I hate olives!)

#### **Fruit Dip**

Serves 16

(8 oz) pkg softened cream cheese
 (7 oz) jar marshmallow creme
 tbsp lime or lemon juice
 tsp lime or lemon zest

In large bowl, blend all ingredients until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with assortment of fruits. (This is my favorite sweet dip. I served it at my daughter's wedding. Yum!!!)

#### Harvest Dip

Serves 24

(8 oz) cream cheese
 cup confectioner's sugar
 tsp pumpkin pie spice
 (8oz) frozen whip topping, thawed

In medium bowl, combine all ingredients until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with apples and ginger snaps. Dips

# **Orange Cranberry Sauce**

24 Servings Not a dip, but the best cranberry sauce I ever had. Good with that holiday turkey.

2 (12 oz) pkg fresh cranberriesZest of 1 orange3 cinnamon sticks2 cups orange juice2 cup brown sugar

In a medium saucepan, combine cranberries, zest, cinnamon sticks, orange juice and brown sugar. Add enough water to cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Immediately reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour, or until sauce has thickened. Taste for sweetness and adjust with additional sugar if necessary. Cook until you have thick consistency. Let mixture cool and refrigerate in covered container until ready to serve.