

# **Instant Mashed Potato Soup**

Makes about 8-9 servings

#### Ingredients:

- 4 TBSP. butter or margarine
- 2 green onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced or 2-2 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 8 cups milk
- 2 2/3 cups instant mashed potatoes (or potato flakes)
- 2 (15 OZ.) cans diced potatoes, drained or 2 1/2 cups fresh potatoes, steamed
- 3 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

#### **Directions:**

- 1. In a saucepan, sauté the green onions and garlic in butter over medium low heat.
- 2. Add milk, salt, pepper, and instant potato flakes. Combine well.
- 3. Add canned or steamed potatoes.
- 4. Heat to almost boiling, stirring constantly.
- 5. Remove from heat.
- 6. Garnish with shredded cheese or other delicious toppings.

### Chef's tip:

To steam diced potatoes in a microwave place potatoes in a 1 1/2 to 2 quart microwave-safe dish. Cover with lid. Microwave on high for about 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork.

## **Topping Ideas:**

- Sour cream, bacon, cheese, and parsley
- Kale, caramelized onion, and browned
- sausage
- Corn, Canadian bacon, and chopped dill
- Sour cream, bacon, sautéed mushrooms, and broccoli

