Strawberry Shortcake Puffs

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Yield: 12 puffs

1 sheet frozen puff pastry sheet, thawed 4 cups fresh strawberries, sliced 1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar, divided 1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract Preparation Time: 25 minutes Bake Time: 15 minutes

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

On a lightly floured surface, roll the puff pastry to a ten-inch square. Cut into twelve rectangles (approx. 3x2-1/2 inches). Place on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake until golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

In a large bowl, toss the strawberries with 1/4 cup of sugar. Let stand for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In another bowl, beat the cream until it begins to thicken. Add the vanilla and remaining sugar. Beat until stiff peaks form.

To serve: split the pastries horizontally in half. Top each bottom half with two tablespoons of whipped cream and one tablspoon of strawberries. Replace the top half. Top with the remaining whipped cream and strawberries.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 3174 Calories; 229g Fat (63.7% calories from fat); 29g Protein; 264g Carbohydrate; 17g Dietary Fiber; 489mg Cholesterol; 764mg Sodium. Exchanges: 7 Grain(Starch); 3 Fruit; 1 Non-Fat Milk; 45 Fat; 6 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.