

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2013 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Number

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Project Title

Burning Calories

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My project was to determine which after school snack has the most calories. I believe potato chips will have the most calories.

Methods/Materials

Using a homemade calorimeter, I burned a small amount of 6 different afterschool snacks. I then measured the heat released by each snack sample as the heat was absorbed by a water bath.

Results

Almonds had the most calories because they burned the longest and had the greatest average temperature difference. The Special K Snack Bar had the least calories.

Conclusions/Discussion

My conclusion is that almonds have the most calories out of the snacks that I tested. I thought oily potato chips, a junk food, would have the most calories.

Summary Statement

My project tested the calorie content in various afterschool snacks.

Help Received

Mother helped me type report; Father helped me construct calorimeter, produce charts, and supervise fire safety.