



Food and Wellness Journal: Guidelines

Name:

Start Date:

Guidelines to Completing Food and Wellness Journal:

- 1) Be honest. This information is invaluable as it serves as the main vehicle to learn about how foods and activity level affect your body and mind. We will use this information to help you achieve your short and long term health goals
- 2) Record everything you eat and drink immediately
- 3) Record time you eat and drink immediately
- 4) Record amount of foods and beverages--i.e., number of cups, slices, ounces, tsp, Tbsp, etc
- 5) Record your sleep pattern: time you wake-up and go to bed and number of times you wake up during the night
- 6) Record your bowel movements
- 7) Record GI (gastrointestinal) symptoms
- 8) Record daily level of physical activity (i.e., brisk walk, strength training, etc.), time of day and length of workout. In addition, record any short burst exercises done throughout the day. Burst exercises are short in duration (energy/focus/d-stressor activities). Examples are flight of stairs, squats, push-ups, etc
- 9) Record your energy level
- 10) Record any muscle and joint pain. If you feel pain performing physical activity, stop and discuss it with your trainer
- 11) Record any of stress techniques you applied during the day
- 12) Describe any emotional symptoms throughout the day: cravings, angry, sad, frustrated, happy, starving, bored, depressed, irritable, anxiety, cramps, poor concentration, stress, etc
- 13) Describe how you felt while you ate (angry, sad, happy, nervous, starving, bored, etc) in the notes session of meals

