A Toolkit for **Healthy** Girls & Strong Women

MY JOURNAL: FOOD AND FITNESS DIARY 4TEENS

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USING YOUR DIARY

Writing in a food and fitness diary is a good way to understand your current habits, identify areas for improvement, and recognize the progress you make.

How to use your journal

- Write in your journal right after you eat or finish a physical activity. Carry your journal with you throughout the day.
- **2** Be honest. Write down everything you eat, even one cookie.
- **5** Include drinks.
- 4 Write down how you are feeling. It can help you figure out if you are eating because you are hungry or for other reasons.
- **5** Review your journal at the end of each week.



A parent/caregiver can support you by:

- Helping you think of goals.
- Planning nutritious meals and shopping for healthy foods.
- Joining you in physical activities for the whole family.

You can also talk about your journal or diary entries with a doctor, nurse, or registered dietitian. They can give you feedback and advice on what types of changes to make.

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Write down any successes or obstacles you face and new goals	A
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Decide to live a healthy lifestyle



See where you are now



Understand healthy eating



Recognize the benefits of physical activity 5

Set goals and plan



Shop, cook, eat together



Support a healthy lifestyle for your family





