Sweet Potato Soup

A rich mellow flavor and beautiful golden color characterize this easy-to-make soup. Yields about 7 cups of soup.

2 cups chopped leeks
1/2 cup chopped onion
water as needed
3-1/2 cups peeled, diced garnet or jewel yams
3 cups vegetable bouillon or broth (use homemade stock, canned broth, or broth powder mixed in the water)
3/4 tsp. salt or to taste
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. mild curry powder
3/4-1 cups soy milk or rice beverage
dash of cayenne pepper
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. chopped chives

In a large pot braise chopped leeks and onion in a little water, covered, over low heat until they are soft but not browned, about 15 minutes. Add the yams and 3 cups of broth. Cover pot and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes. Add salt, peppers, and spices. In a blender with a tight fitting lid puree soup in small batches until it is smooth.

Return soup to saucepan. Stir in soy or rice milk and lemon juice. Taste and adjust seasonings, adding a little more broth if a thinner soup is desired. Sprinkle chives over each serving of soup.

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