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Allison+Partners

The Winning Combination

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CHIPS, CRACKERS & SNACKS

KEEN CORN SUBSTITUTE

Beanitos Black Bean Chips

There's no corn filler in these clever and superbly crunchy chips – just five simple non-GMO ingredients and a heaping dose of fiber! **$4 per 6-oz bag, beanitos.com for retail locations**

"Satisfied my chip craving without making me feel bloated, dehydrated or guilty." – Gilean Watts

SIMPLY NUTTY

Blue Diamond Baked Nut Chips

A big crowd-pleaser, the *CE* team couldn't help but fall for the subtle almond accents in these triangular chips! **$3 per 4.25-oz bag, bluediamond.com for retail locations**

INCREDIBLY DUNKABLE

Chip'ins All Natural Popcorn Chips

We were pleasantly surprised by the shape of these extremely thin and crunchy popcorn chips – triangular instead of the usual round for dipping ease! **$4 per 7.25-oz bag, popcornindiana.com for retail locations**

"Addictive! Here at the office, we polished off the whole bag in five minutes flat!" – Gilean Watts

WORTH THE SPLURGE

Flamous Falafel Chips

These crisp chips taste just like falafel balls – try dipping them in our "Raw" Beanless Zucchini Hummus. (Available at **cleaneating.com/june-2012**) **$4 to $5 per 8-oz bag, flamousbrands.com for retail locations**

"They taste like falafel and it's blowing my mind! I'm dying to make nachos out of these chips to dip in hummus instead of guac: Falafel Nachos. (Copyright!)" – Jessica Pollack

GREAT ON THE GO

Lärabar

With a smorgasbord of flavor options made simply from dried fruits, nuts and spices, no grab 'n' go day has to be the same! **$25.50 to $28 per case of 16, larabarstore.com**

MAJOR CRUNCH FACTOR

Mary's Gone Crackers

Brown rice, quinoa and seeds are just some of the essential good-for-you ingredients found within one of the crispiest crackers in the game, sans gluten! **$5, marysgonecrackers.com for retail locations**

WEB BONUS: Spread some avocado pesto on these crispy crackers – pop by **cleaneating.com/june-2012** for the recipe!

HEART HELPER

Corazonas Lightly Salted Tortilla Chips

The plant sterols in these corn-based chips mean your health could be improving with every bite! **$3 per 7-oz bag, corazonas.com for retail locations**

"These are the best tortilla chips I've ever had! I would have loved to try them baked with some cheese and veggies, but they didn't survive past my desk. They have just the right amount of crunchiness and saltiness – so good!" – Gilean Watts

TRUE TO ITS NAME

Food Should Taste Good Kettle Cooked Sweet Potato Chips, Original

We overheard someone in the office proclaim that these kettle-cooked snacks taste like sweet potato fries – made with all-natural ingredients. **$3.50 per 4.5-oz bag, foodshouldtastegood.com for retail locations**

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