

Abstract: My mom made a lot of food and it was really good, my mom's made food was making frijoles and rice. Food is essential for any party because if there is no food, why would people show up. Usually at our parties we trying to get carne asada frijoles and rice for people to eat. When we decide to go eat as a family we just go to a restaurant in Gilroy or Watsonville. When the holidays come my mom always makes food that she makes rarely. When the food is ready she calls everyone in the family to come eat. We always laugh and talk. My mom is a cooking master, she knows what we all like to eat. When we go to Mexico we always go by road so it takes us a couple of days to get there. Once we reach Jalisco we go to my grandmothers. My grandmother does all the cooking their but it's not as good as my mom's food. This is my family and how we do when we get together.

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Food Everywhere

Ever since I remember my mom cooking well she always cooked. When I was younger like in my elementary year's food was always done. My mom made a lot of food and it was always good. For some reason when my friend's mom makes food and I try it, it's good but not that good then my mom's cooking. I always wanted to come home to my mom's cooking and not stay in school because I was always hungry to go home and just eat. My mom's main food was making frijoles and rice which is always good. She sometimes would make homemade tortillas

which is so good with the frijoles. Also she would make sopes and the frijoles are there ready for us to eat. It's not just frijoles my mom would either make almondigas, sopa de fideo, carne asada, caldo de pollo and an endless amount of food she makes. It's not always what my makes that makes food everywhere that is just in my house.

When my mom makes a party or we get invited to parties there is either a family member that makes the food or go get a taquero to make food. Food is always essential for any party because if there is no food why would people show up. Usually at parties people show up to congratulate the occasion, but that is not the case people just come for the food. The parties are usually bautizos, cumpleaños, quinceañeras, bodas, or just a day to celebrate which my family try to do or go. Every time we make a party it's usually just us as a family but like a bautizo like my baby brother's we invited many friends. We bought a jumping house, tables and chairs for kids and adults to sit and talk. But the main course was my mom getting a taquero for people to get up and get food. Usually in our parties we try to just get carne asada, frijoles, and rice for people to eat. When we go to other parties the food is there ready for us to eat. It's usually like the food in my baby brother's bautizo, but sometimes they have menudo, pozole, birria, frijoles rancheros, and many more other Mexican food. To me and my family we always go for the Mexican food because well we are Mexican and also because it's so good.

When we decide to go eat as a family we just go to a restaurant here in Gilroy or at Watsonville. Here in Gilroy we either prefer to go eat at Super Taquería the older one, Los Pericos, or go to Mi Pueblo to order food home. We always get tacos to eat because it's good and done quickly and we are all happy. At Los Pericos my parents either get an enchilada, or chile rellenos, while I get tacos and my brothers also too. When we go to Mi Pueblo we just get a taco tray of 12 tacos usually carne de al pastor which is so good. When we want to go eat outside

Gilroy we always go eat at Watsonville at a restaurant called La Perla Del Pacifico. This restaurant is a taquería but mostly a place to eat mariscos. I don't like see food but the rest of my family does. To come to this place is like a tradition we either come at least once a month or once in a couple months and we always go as a family. My parents always get either a tostada de ceviche, a coctel de camarón or a caldo de camarón. My brothers and I always get tacos a quesadilla and rice, and the food here is amazing that I recommend people to come eat here. The first time I came here was probably when I was 6 and every time my mom wants to come I always get ready myself and just want to go also cause that is one of my favorite restaurants to go to.

When the holidays come my mom always wants to make food that she always makes rarely. On thanksgiving my family doesn't like turkey it's just too dry to eat so my mom makes pozole and makes a ham which is good. It takes a couple hours for my mom to make pozole and ham so we either just talk or do our when thing. When the food is ready my mom calls everyone and as a family which usually don't eat together but this day for some reason we all eat together and we always laugh and talk. Same on Christmas my mom makes pozole and a ham and like on thanksgiving we do the same thing on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

My mom is a cooking master when she's in the kitchen because she knows what we all like to eat and try to make different food every day and surprise us with the food we really like. Same with my dad but on the grill. Almost every Sunday my mom tells me to go to Mi Pueblo and get charcoal, tortillas, carne asada, carne arrachera, and pollo. When I get everything I come home and my mom gets a pot to put all the carne in the pot. My mom calls me to get the tequila and pour some tequila on the carne and it makes the carne softer to eat. We always put tequila to make the carne soft and easy to eat because usually the carne cooked comes to be hard to chew

on. When we do carne asada on the grill when all the carne is cooked and the pollo we all come together and eat.

When I go to Mexico we always go by road so it takes us a couple days to get there. We try to save money so we just go to McDonalds, Burger King, and other fast food restaurants. When we cross to Mexico and head to Jalisco its always tacos or frijoles. Once we reach Jalisco we go in our home and where my grandma lives and we just get ready to eat once we get there. My grandma does all the cooking she makes good food but not as good as my mom's food. We always eat handmade tortillas which I love and my family does too. We always either just stay home and eat the food my grandma makes, or go down the street to get tacos that are four pesos which are amazingly good. Or go to the plaza where you always hear a banda playing and the church right there and get tacos from the number of taqueros at the plaza. There is also an ice cream place which is all natural ice cream, or go to the place where they sell refrescos. Everything in Jalisco is all good and can't wait to go again.

I say everywhere I go there is food when I'm with my family and we always have a good time. This is my family and how we do this when we go eat together. We have our own food that we eat, we usually tend to eat Mexican food because that's our ethnicity and its just there all the time. My mom by far is the best cook in all but there is other people that cook good. If it wasn't for my mom being a good cook we wouldn't have all this amazing food. Also the Mexican people in the area that makes parties and occasion good for everyone because of the food. In the future I still want to see the same traditions my mom and the people do the same traditions of food.