# **Berry Crumble Bars**

### Blackberry Jam

- 3 cups of fresh or frozen berries (strawberries, blackberries raspberries, et al)
- ½ cup sweetener of your choice
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla extract or powder (optional)
- 1. It's best to use frozen fruit because as they thaw, they release their own juices and make for a much nicer jam consistency and flavour.

### If using frozen berries

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a suitably sized mixing bowl (fruit doesn't need to be thawed).
- 2. Put the entire bowl in the dehydrator, at the lowest temp setting, for 8 hours or until the mixture has reduced by  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 3. Allow to cool at room temp before storing in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 month.

# If using fresh berries

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a suitably sized mixing bowl.
- 2. Using your hands, squeeze the fruit to release their natural juices, but leave them slightly in tact and chunky.
- 3. Put the entire bowl in the dehydrator, at the lowest temp setting, for 8 hours or until the mixture has reduced by  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 4. Allow to cool at room temp before storing in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 month



#### Blonde Cake

- 85g (½ cup) buckwheat, soaked 1 hour, sprouted 12 hours
- 80g ( ½ cup ) maple syrup or honey
- 2 tbsp water, if needed to help blend
- 65g (½ cup) ground almonds
- 30g ( ½ cup ) coconut flour
- 10g (1 tbsp) psyllium husk
- Pinch of sea salt
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 1. Before using the buckwheat, give it another rinse in a sieve and then allow it to drip dry for 5 minutes to remove as much excess water as possible.
- 2. Blend the buckwheat and honey/maple in a food processor to break down into a fine dough consistency.
- 3. Add the remaining ingredients and process to combine. Let the dough sit for a few minutes to firm up.
- 4. Roll the dough out to a ½-¾ inch thickness between two pieces of teflex or greaseproof paper. Dust with oat flour or lucuma, if needed to avoid it sticking while rolling.
- 5. Cut the dough into a large square.
- 6. Dehydrate for 8 hours or until firm enough to flip onto a mesh tray to continue drying until dry on the outside and soft inside.
- 7. Once ready, cover in jam and sprinkle with Almond Crumble of your choice.
- 8. Set in the fridge for 30 mins before slicing.
- 9. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days or in the freezer for several months.



# **Almond Crumble**

- 75g (½ cup) activated almonds
- 100g (1 cup) gluten free rolled oats
- 75g ( ½ cup ) coconut sugar
- 20g (1½ tbsp) golden flax, powdered
- 25g (1½ tbsp) water
- ½ tsp vanilla powder or 3 drops vanilla MFE
- 15g (1 tbsp) coconut oil, melted
- 20g (1½ tbsp) almond butter
- 1. Process the almonds until they are broken down, but still some halves remaining, so not too broken down.
- 2. Add the oats and coconut sugar and process till it's all combined and the texture you'd like. I like it rather chunky so it has good texture similar to granola.
- 3. Transfer to a mixing bowl, add the oil and butter and hand mix to thoroughly combine.
- 4. This will get firm if you let it sit for too long, so best to pop on top of the crumble now.
- 5. Best way to get it on there is by lightly scattering it on top so it's not too heavy of a layer.
- 6. Gently press it down to it all sticks once it's firmed up.
- 7. Pop in the fridge or freezer just to firm enough to cut it into bars or shapes of your choosing.
- 8. These will keep in the fridge for 5 days and in the freezer for months either way, in an airtight container.

