SLOPPY JOE TACOS

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1 tbsp olive oil

- 1-pound lean ground beef
- 1 small yellow onion, peeled and diced
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced
- 2 gloves minced garlic
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 2 tbsp packed brown sugar
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp chili powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

8 taco shells

Optional toppings: shredded Mexican cheese, chopped fresh cilantro, sour cream, Guacamole, Salsa. Lettuce.

- Heat oil in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat
- Add ground beef and cook until browned, breaking up the beef with a spoon. Stir occasionally
- Drain off any excess fat and discard
- Return pan to the heat, add onion, pepper and garlic to the ground beef
- Continue sautéing for about 5 minutes or until the onion is soft and translucent
- While the veggies are sautéing, whisk together the tomato sauce, brown sugar, Worcestershire and chili powder until combined
- Once the veggies are cooked, add the tomato sauce mixture to the ground beef and stir until combined
- Continue cooking until the mixture reaches a simmer, then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 5 minutes
- Season with salt and pepper
- Assemble the tacos and top with favorite toppings
- Serve immediately

Yield: 8 Tacos