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Samoas truffles with dark chocolate, toasted coconut and bacon

Ingredients: Samoa Truffles:

- 14 Samoas
 Girl Scout Cookies
 (one box minus one cookie)
- 1/2 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1/3 cup coconut milk cream (the thick cream on the top of a can of coconut milk)
- 3 strips smoked bacon
- 8 ounces semi-sweet or dark chocolate

Makes: one dozen 11/2-inch truffles.

Total Time: 90 minutes (30 minutes hands-on)

Samoas Brownies

- 1. Heat a medium skillet over medium heat and add the shredded coconut. Toast, stirring frequently, until golden brown—this will take about five minutes. Coconut can burn quickly and easily, so keep an eye on it. Once toasted, pour the coconut in a bowl to cool and return the pan to the heat and add the bacon.
- 2. Cook the bacon until browned and crispy. Place the crisped bacon on a paper towel to drain and let cool. Once the bacon is cool to the touch, crumble into small pieces and set aside.
- 3. While the bacon cooks, add the cookies to the bowl of a food processor and pulse until the cookies are finely chopped. Add the coconut milk and 1/3 cup of the toasted coconut to the bowl and pulse until fully combined.
- $4. \ Using a 11/2-inch cookie scoop (or a large melon-baller) portion the truffle filling onto a parchment-lined baking tray and once all the filling has been scooped, refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.$
- 5. Once the truffle filling has firmed-up, remove from the refrigerator and prepare the chocolate. Place the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl and microwave on high in one-minute increments until almost fully melted, and then stir until smooth.
- 6. To coat the truffles, take one ball and roll lightly between your palms to smooth any rough edges, then place in the chocolate and quickly roll to coat with a small fork. Using the fork or a toothpick, pick up the truffle and briefly let any excess drip back into the bowl, then place on a piece of parchment. Sprinkle with the reserved toasted coconut and place a couple bacon pieces on the
- 7. Repeat the chocolate coating and garnishing for all remaining truffles. You will likely have leftover chocolate, so scrape the remaining chocolate onto an open spot of the parchment you are using and top with the remaining coconut and bacon for a bonus treat (also add crumbled bits of the extra Samoa cookie if it's still available, wink wink).
- 8. Chill the finished truffles to set and serve as soon as the chocolate has hardened.

Congratulations to Jody (thehobbyroomdiaries) whose Samoa Truffles with dark chocolate, toasted coconut and bacon won third place in the 2013 Girl Scouts of Western Washington cookie recipe contest.