VEGETARIAN BURRITO BOWLS

- 2 cups uncooked long grain white rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2-15 oz. cans black beans
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-16 oz. jar salsa or 2 cups salsa
- 6 oz. shredded cheese*
- 1 bunch green onions
- 1 jalapeño (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add the rice, salt, and 3 cups water to a medium sauce pot. Place a lid on top, turn the heat on to high, and allow the water to come up to a full boil. Once boiling, turn the heat down to low and let it continue to simmer for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, turn the heat off and let it sit, with the lid in place, for an additional five minutes. Fluff just before serving.

2. While the rice is cooking, make the beans. Add both cans of black beans (undrained) to a small sauce pot, along with the cumin, and garlic powder. Heat over medium, stirring often, until heated through.

3. Slice the green onions and jalapeño (if using).

4. Once the rice is cooked, build the bowls. Add one cup cooked rice, 1/2 cup warm black beans, 1/3 cup salsa, and 1 oz. shredded cheese (about 1/4 cup) to each bowl. Top with a few sliced green onions and jalapeños, then serve.

NOTES

*Use your favorite type of shredded cheese. Cheddar and pepper jack are both great choices.