Creamy Bacon Mushroom Soup

Ingredients: 10 bacon strips, diced Ilbs sliced fresh mushrooms 1 medium onion, chopped 3 garlic cloves, minced I quart heavy whipping cream 1 can (14-1/202) chicken broth 1-1/4 cups shredded swiss cheese 3 tablespoons cornstarch 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper 3 tablespoons cold water **Opional- Fresh Minced Parsley**

Instructions

In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove to paper towels; drain, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings. In the drippings, saute mushrooms and onion until tender, 5-7 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in cream and broth; bring mixture to a simmer. Gradually stir in cheese until melted. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch, salt, pepper and water until smooth. Stir into soup. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for about 2 minutes or until thickened. Garnish with bacon and, if desired, parsley.