THE DARKEST CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM IN THE WORLD

INGREDIENTS

chocolate syrup -

- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup strong brewed coffee
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 11/2 oz. bittersweet chocolate (55-70% cacao), finely chopped

ice cream base -

- 2 cups whole milk
- 1T+1t cornstarch
- 11/2 oz. (3 T) cream cheese, softened
- 1/8 t fine sea salt
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 T light corn syrup

equipment -

- one 1-gallon Ziploc bag
- ice cream maker

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Make chocolate syrup. Combine the cocoa, coffee, and sugar in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Boil for 30 seconds. Place chopped chocolate in a large bowl. Remove from heat and pour over chopped chocolate. Let stand for 5 minutes. Whisk until smooth. Set aside.
- 2. Make ice cream base. Place 2 tablespoons of the whole milk in a small bowl. Slowly add the cornstarch and whisk until combined to make a smooth slurry. Add cream cheese and salt to chocolate syrup and whisk until smooth. Meanwhile fill a large bowl with ice and water.
- 3. Combine the remaining milk, cream, sugar, and corn syrup in a 4-quart saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil over medium-high heat. Boil for 4 minutes. Remove from heat and gradually whisk in the cornstarch slurry. Bring the mixture back to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring with a heatproof spatula, until slightly thickened (about 1 minute). Remove from heat.
- 4. Gradually whisk hot milk mixture into the chocolate mixture until smooth. Transfer mixture to a 1-gallon Ziploc bag and submerge sealed bag in the ice bath. Let stand, adding more ice as necessary until cold (about 30 minutes).
- 5. Pour into your ice cream maker and freeze according to the manufacturer's instructions. Once churned, pack ice cream into a storage container, pressing a piece of parchment directly onto the surface. Seal with an airtight lid. Freeze for at least 4 hours.