## **Dark Chocolate Pretzel S'mores Bars**

The following recipe was provided by local blogger Abby Thome of <u>The Thome Home</u>.

## **Ingredients**

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 2 16 oz. bags marshmallows
- 2 1 lb. bags pretzel sticks, crushed slightly in a Ziploc bag
- 1 20 oz. bag of dark chocolate chips
- 1/2 tsp. flaky sea salt
- Non-stick spray, for setting the bars

## **Instructions**

- 1. Line a 9x13 baking pan with parchment paper.
- 2. Pour pretzels into a Ziploc bag and use your hands to lightly crush the pretzels until they are slightly broken.
- 3. In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the entire stick of butter. Pour in all of the marshmallows and turn the heat down to low, stirring until the marshmallows are completely melted.
- 4. Turn off the heat and add the crushed pretzels. Stir vigorously until the pretzels are completely coated with the melted marshmallow.
- 5. Pour marshmallow and pretzel mixture into the prepared baking pan. Spritz your hands with non-stick spray and press the pretzels into the pan.
- 6. After a few minutes, once bars start to set, spray the bottom of a glass with nonstick spray and push every inch of the pretzel mixture harder into the pan, creating one flat layer. This will help create dense bars.
- 7. In a microwave-safe bowl, at 45-second intervals, melt the dark chocolate chips. This should take no more than 2 rounds of the 45 seconds. Once 70% of the chips are melted, remove the bowl from the microwave and continue to stir until the rest of the chips have melted.
- 8. Pour the melted dark chocolate over the bars and spread it into one layer.
- 9. Place any shape of pretzel you'd like on top for decoration, and finish with a pinch of flaky sea salt over top.
- 10. Let sit for the chocolate to harden. For a rapid set, place in the fridge for 30 minutes.
- 11. Once set, lift parchment paper corners, for easy removal and cut into your desired size and shape. Enjoy!

