## Crunchy Coconut Chicken with Spicy Apricot Sauce

## Ingredients:

Servings: 4

1/2 cup cornstarch
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
3 large egg whites
2 cups shredded sweetened coconut
1 1/2 lbs chicken tenders
vegetable oil (for frying

## **Directions:**

- -Mix cornstarch, salt, Cayenne Pepper and Black Pepper in shallow bowl; set aside.
- -Beat egg whites in medium size mixing bowl until frothy.
- -Place coconut in a shallow bowl.
- -Dredge chicken tenders in cornstarch mixture; shake off excess.
- -Dip chicken in egg whites, then press chicken into coconut.
- -Turn over and press into coconut again to coat both sides.
- -Heat oil in heavy skillet (oil should be about 2 inches deep
- add more oil if needed) or deep fat fryer to  $350^{\circ}$  F.
- -Add chicken to the hot oil in batches.
- -fry until cooked through, about 2 to 3 minutes.
- -Drain. Serve hot with Spicy Apricot Dipping Sauce.

## Spicy Apricot Sauce.

- -1 cup (12 oz.) Apricot Preserves.
- -2 tablespoons cider vinegar.
- -1-2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce.
- -1 teaspoon chili powder.

-1 clove garlic, minced.