## Tequila-Lime Shrimp Quesadillas (4 servings)

## **Ingredients:**

1 tbsp Vegetable oil 12 oz Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded (3 cups) 1/4 cup minced fresh Cilantro 2 Scallions, white & green parts separated and sliced thin 1 lb medium-large shrimp (31-40 per pound), cleaned & and halved lengthwise Tequila & Lime juice for marinating Salt & Pepper 2 Garlic cloves, minced 1 tsp minced canned Chipotle chile in Adobo sauce 1/3 cup Tequila 1 tsp Lime zest 4 (10") Flour Tortillas

## **Directions:**

Toss the Monterey Jack cheese with the cilantro and scallion greens.

Marinate the shrimp in tequila & lime juice for about 4 hours. Pat shrimp dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a 12" non-stick skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add scallion whites, garlic, chipotle and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp salt, and cook until softened – about 2 minutes.

Add tequila and simmer until tequila has evaporated and pan is dry – about 5 minutes. Add shrimp and cook, stirring often, until cooked through and opaque throughout – about 3 minutes.

Drain well and transfer to a bowl, stir in zest, and let cool for 5 minutes.

Spray one side of 2 tortillas with cooking spray and lay the sprayed side on the counter. Sprinkle ¼ of the cheese mixture on each tortilla, leaving ½" border around the edge. Arrange shrimp on top in single layer, then sprinkle with another ¼ of the cheese mixture. Lay a second tortilla on top and then spray with the cooking spray. Press firmly to compact.

Grill the quesadillas on a griddle or in a large cast iron frying pan - about 5 minutes. Flip quesadilla(s) over and press gently with a spatula to compact. Continue to grill until crisp and golden brown on second side - about 5 minutes.

Let quesadillas cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes, then slice into wedges and serve. Can be served with sour cream or guacamole.

(Recipe adapted from America's Test Kitchen)