# Social Media 

## Marketing Plan

## Cherry On Top



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## I. Executive Summary

Cherry On Top frozen yogurt is a healthy and customizable dessert alternative. They offer endless flavor combinations with over 43 toppings and 45 yogurt flavors. The Fullerton store opened in December 2010, and their slogan is "It' s Simple, Frozen Yogurt. Your Way." The value proposition is to create a fun, healthy, and flavorful family-friendly self serve experience. The main consumers are teens, young adults, and families, who each engage in social media as well as health conscious behaviors. Going out for frozen yogurt is an experience that is affordable, guilt free, and fun. There is a saturation of self-serve frozen yogurt places, however the major competition is Yogurtland.

Cherry On Top has several strengths, including the trendy design of the location, neighborhood proximity, great topping selection, and vegan friendly flavors. The store also has a number of weaknesses, including unlabeled toppings, fewer flavors, high price, and low brand differentiation. There are, however, opportunities for Cherry On Top. They can develop a unique brand position by embracing the eco-friendly trend so that consumers feel good about their purchase.

It is important that Cherry On Top increase brand presence across social media channels by producing high quality content for Facebook and responding to comments made by customers. They will also induce purchase intention and increase sales revenue by $20 \%$ by educating
consumers about the unique flavors, encouraging social media engagement, moving into an eco-friendly direction, and using a variety of other coupon and promotion strategies. By becoming more active on social media sites, pushing promotions, and making environmentally conscious choices for the store, Cherry On Top will capture of attention of the target consumer while simultaneously differentiating the brand from the rest of its competition.

## II. Situation Analysis

1. Industry Overview

Frozen yogurt is a healthy alternative to traditional ice cream. The frozen yogurt industry began in 1980. Although the frozen yogurt industry is popular today, it suffered a decline in the late 1990s due to competition with ice cream shops and coffee houses. Yet, new frozen yogurt franchises such as MY Culture, 16 Handles, Farr's Fresh, The Fuzzy Peach, Yogurtini, Pinkberry, and Yogurtland provide a variety of flavors and toppings. Due to this effort, the industry is now back on track and more popular than before. Not only do stores offer a variety of flavors, they have also modernized the store with high-end furniture, Wi-Fi, and flat-screen televisions. This environment creates a relaxed and cozy atmosphere for consumers.

According to IBIS World's Industry Analysis \& Industry Trends, the Frozen Yogurt industry will likely remain stable over the next five years.

Nowadays, there are many health-conscious consumers, and those people will stimulate the markets' growth. From 2007 to 2012, the number of frozen yogurt stores has grown at an average annual rate of 4.1\%. IBIS World expects this percentage to slow down to $1.1 \%$ of average annual growth over the next five years leading up to 2017.

## 2. Company background

Though it serves only desserts, Cherry on Top keeps its customers' health in mind: each of its frozen-yogurt flavors contains live, active cultures believed to aid in digestion and overall health. The shop also allows for customization. Visitors create their own frozen treats at a self-serve bar, choosing from 12 fruit-tart flavors such as green apple, orange cranberry, and lychee and 33 cream-based flavors such as chocolate-cherry jubilee and oatmeal cookie. Cherry on Top also finishes treats with a long list of toppings, ranging from fresh blueberries, kiwi, and pineapple to gummy bears, cereal, brownies, and M\&Ms. These self-serve selections are available at more than 30 locations in the United States, Egypt, Kuwait, and Hong Kong. The company' s slogan is "It's simple, Frozen Yogurt. Your Way." The value proposition of Cherry on Top is to bring people flavorful, fun, healthy and family-friendly self-serve frozen experience. Our social media campaign is focused on Cherry On Top at Fullerton, which opened in December 2010.

## 3. The Consumers

According to MRI research results as well as the consumer information from the Cherry On Top store in Fullerton, the demographics and psychographics of the target market can be summarized into three different groups of personas:


Teenagers

- Lower discretionary income
- Hang out with their friends after school while enjoying frozen yogurt
- Use Internet to seek deals like couponing site Groupon.com
- Social media sites heavy users



## Family with children

- Ages 18 to 34 years old
- Houshold income over $\$ 50,000$ annually
- Care about their health
- Subscribe health magzines


Young adults with no children

- Ages 18 to 24 years old
- Household income under $\$ 30,000$ annually
- Health consiousness
- Social media sites heavy users
- Use Internet to seek deals like couponing site Groupon.com


## 4. The Competitors

Cherry On Top faces fierce competition in the frozen yogurt market. In recent years, frozen yogurt competition has increased. Some of Cherry on Top's primary competition includes: Yogurtland, Pink Berry, Tutti Fruitti and Golden Spoon.

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## 5. Marketing Mix

- Product: high-quality fresh frozen yogurt which includes 12 fruit-tart flavors, 33 cream-based flavors, and over 43 toppings.
- Price: $\$ 0.39 / \mathrm{oz}$. The price for an ounce of yogurt is higher than average self-serve yogurt chains. Yogurtland is $\$ 0.30$ per ounce, and Tutti Fruitti is $\$ 0.35$ per ounce.
- Place: Cherry On Top is a franchised business. It grew to more than 24 locations in the United States. We chose the Fullerton location for our social media campaign. It is located in Amerige Heights Town Center, Fullerton. It is a nice and clean shopping area with a great selection of shops and places to eat.
- Promotion:
$\checkmark$ If you "Like" them on Facebook - get $10 \%$ off
$\checkmark$ Join online eClub to receive special offers
$\checkmark$ Take a Loyalty Card for a FREE 8 ounce after purchasing 9.
$\checkmark$ PR: They also donate 9,000 certificates to local schools for teachers to give away to good students.
$\checkmark$ Buy 6oz. and get 60z. free
$\checkmark$ Blog
$\checkmark$ Co-brand with Hello Kitty


## 6. Assessments of 'Cherry On Tops' social media and online strategy

The following part, regarding the social media and online strategy, will compare Cherry On Top (Fullerton branch) to Yogurtland (Orangethorpe Avenue in Fullerton).

- Foursquare

Customers can check in at the local Cherry On Top on foursquare. They can write tips, post photos, and earn mayorship. On its foursquare page, Cherry On Top has 16 photos and scores 6.9 out of 10 in likes. There are a total of 206 visitors and 639 check-ins.


By comparison, Yogurtland scores 7.1 out of 10 and has a total of 632
visitors and 1,645 check-ins. They have 33 pictures on their page.


After comparing the two stores, we have discovered that Cherry On Top has fewer check-ins than Yogurtland. In order to compete, Cherry On Top should encourage customers to use foursquare to check-in in order to increase its social media presence.

## - Twitter

Cherry On Top (Fullerton) has its own twitter account, however it is not active: the page only has 7 followers and 1 tweet. The twitter page needs a lot of work; however Cherry On Top is ahead of Yogurtland (Orangethorpe) which does not even have an account.


Tweets


COTFullerton @COTFullerton
24 Nov 10
@jhlee19 Thanks for checking in on foursquare! We're now open :) Expand

- Yelp

Customers can find reviews and information about a store on yelp. This enables Cherry On Top to read feedback from customers and improve service. Also, by engaging with customers, they can even develop new flavors based on what the customers want. Cherry On Top' s yelp page has 43 reviews.

## Cherry On Top


Category: Ice Cream \& Frozen Yogurt [Edit]
1911 W Malvern Ave
Fullerton, CA 92833

(714) 870-1088

[^0]Ddit Business Info

Price Range: \$
Accepts Credit Cards: Yes Parking: Private Lot

Wi-Fi: Free
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

First to Review


Yogurtlands yelp page has 78 reviews.


Cherry On Top has more 4 stars ratings than Yogurtland on yelp.

- Facebook page

Both stores have a Facebook page. Cherry On Top' s Facebook page has 399 "likes", while Yogurtland has 411 "likes." Yogurtland's Facebook background provides a seasonal summery feel. The background has pictures of their summer inspired flavors of yogurt,
which delivers a message that those customers should go to Yogurtland to have a refreshing summer. On the other hand, Cherry On Top' s background does not engage the consumer. They use a generic picture of toppings rather than using their creativity to bring excitement to the page.

Neither Cherry On Top nor Yogurtland update their Facebook pages regularly: Cherry On Top's last update was on March $19^{\text {th }}$, and Yogurtland' s last update was on May $27^{\text {th }}$. Yogurtland does a better job of promoting their variety of summer flavors by uploading photos and coupons.


- Groupon

Cherry On Top uses Groupon for its coupon promotions. The deal offers customers a discount of almost 50\%: \$21 worth of frozen yogurt for only \$11. This deal is a limited time offer, it expires on Aug 14, 2013. However, Yogurtland does not use Groupon for coupon promotions.

## Cherry on Top OC - Multiple Locations

## $\$ 11$ for Six 9 Oz. Frozen Yogurts (\$21.06 Value)



In a Nutshell
Six 9 oz. cupe of seif-serve lioten yopurt in fiavoss such as banana-sut bread, chocolate-cherry jubleet and red volvet

How far is this from home? Add Fiome

The Fine Print
Expires Aup 14,2013
Limit 1 per person, may buy 1
addtional as a gtt. Valid only for
Iocation purchased. Lirit 2 yogurts per visit. Etra fee for servings groater than 902.

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## Some things are befter when froeen, such as yogurt or any creature that could eat you.

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\$11 for Six 9-Ounce Frozen Yogurts (\$21.06 Value)

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| Internal |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Strengths | Weaknesses |
| $\checkmark$ Clean and trendy interior design <br> $\checkmark$ Great selection of toppings <br> $\checkmark$ Neighborhood proximity <br> $\checkmark$ Vegan friendly | $\checkmark$ Unlabeled toppings <br> $\checkmark$ Less variety in yogurt flavor <br> $\checkmark$ Pricy <br> $\checkmark$ Lack of brand differentiation |
| External |  |
| Opportunities | Threats |
| $\checkmark$ Unique brand positioning <br> $\checkmark$ Cater in eco-friendly trend | $\checkmark$ Seasonality <br> $\checkmark$ Fierce competition <br> $\checkmark$ Large selection of product substitution |

7. SWOT Analysis
(1) Strength:

- Clean and trendy interior design. The ambiance of the place is very hip and modern, with bright pink décor. The barstools and seating area are nicely decorated. The store is always very clean.

- Great selection of toppings. Compared to Yogurtland, Cherry On Top has a greater variety of toppings. Moreover, the fruit toppings are very fresh.

- Neighborhood proximity. Cherry On Top (Fullerton) is located in a plaza, which is near to a neighborhood. Since there is an elementary school and a high school nearby, a lot of families and teenagers visit the shopping center.
- Vegan friendly. Cherry On Top also provides choices for vegans. For example, they have dairy free sorbet, such as watermelon sorbet.
(2) Weakness:
- Unlabeled toppings. Cherry On Top does not label its toppings.

Yogurtland labels their toppings, which makes it easy for customers
to choose what they want to add to their frozen treat.

- Less variety in yogurt flavor. Yogurt flavors are not as extensive as Yogurtland's.
- Pricy. Cherry On Top is 39 cents per ounce, while Yogurtland is 30 cents per ounce, and Tutti Fruitti is 35 cents per ounce.
- Lack of brand differentiation. There are currently so many self-serve frozen yogurt stores in the market. Cherry On Top does not have a distinctive value to differentiate it from other competitors.
(3) Opportunity:
- Unique brand positioning. Cherry On Top needs a unique position to differentiate it in the marketplace and increase brand loyalty.
- Cater to eco-friendly trend. Cherry On Top can take advantage of the eco-friendly concept to differentiate itself from other frozen yogurt shops.
(4) Threat:
- Seasonality. During the winter months, Cherry On Top' s sales will drop.
- Fierce competition. There is fierce competition in the frozen yogurt market with strong competitors like Yogurtland.
- Large selection of product substitution. Consumers can choose other dessert stores or ice cream stores as alternatives.


## III. Digital Media Campaign Plan

## 1. Strategic objectives

(1) Increase brand presence across social channels

Increase the number of followers on Twitter, number of fans on Facebook, number of check-ins on foursquare and so on.
(2) Improve customer engagement on Facebook

- Creating high-quality content: Take the time and effort to create high-quality content, add great photos on Facebook, Twitter, Yelp among others.
- Responding to comments: Take time to respond to customer comments and online reviews on Facebook. Say thank you to the customers who have shared their experience and offered their valuable feedback. It is also important to address the concerns and complaints of unsatisfied customers to maintain goodwill and ensure that customers will return.
(3) Induce purchase intention and increase sales revenue by $20 \%$

Provide information to educate customers about the ways in which the flavors of yogurt are inspired. Cherry On Top needs to use creative advertising and promotion on social media sites.
2. Implementation strategy
(1) To increase the number of check-ins on foursquare

Foursquare turns visiting businesses into a contest: the individual with the
most check- ins within a 60 day period is crowned mayor.

We will use Twitter, Facebook and the company blog to encourage customer to earn mayorship by visiting Cherry On Top and checking in more. These sites will promote the marketing message.

Marketing message: Dear Foursquare users, this could be you! Cherry on Top is offering $15 \%$ off for every 3rd check-in on Foursquare. The "mayor" will receive 100 of frozen yogurt for free! This offer is for a limited time only, so check-in and start earning your free frozen yogurt!
(2) Increase level of engagement on Facebook

Cherry On Top already provides free Wi-Fi in store, this can foster electronic sharing of frozen yogurt. To encourage customers to tweet, post and share pictures on Facebook, we suggest Cherry On Top use a smart TV that displays Cherry On Top' s social media pages and mentions in real time. For example, when a customer posts a picture of his or her perfect frozen yogurt creation, it will pop up on the smart TV in the store.

To promote this, we also made two posters which will be included on Cherry On Top' s Facebook, twitter and blog to encourage customers to customize their frozen yogurt and share it with their social circles.


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We also create two flavor cards for Cherry On Top, which they can put them on their Facebook page.

## Cupcake <br> (low-fat)

The delicious taste of frosting and batter all in one swirl.

You will definitely want to lick the the batter off the spoon.


## Dutch Apple Pie (non-fat)

An apple a day keeps the doctors away.

Plus this slice of pie, is worth a try!

(3) Induce purchase intention and increase sales revenue by $20 \%$

To induce purchase intention and generate real sales for Cherry On Top, we will have a promotional event, which is called "Color of the week" . For example, if the watermelon sorbet is the featured frozen yogurt of the week, customers who wear red clothing will receive watermelon sorbet for $10 \%$ off. Cherry On Top can do the same things with pink lemonade (pink shirt), blueberry tart (blue shirt), and several other flavors. This is a fun and interactive way to get customers involved.


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try our new flavors!
Chocolate Malt \& Peach Tart


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## IV. Recommendation and Conclusion

We recommend Cherry On Top to differentiate its brand from other frozen yogurt shop as an eco-friendly brand. According to labbrand.com, new eco-friendly frozen yogurt shops can gain a competitive advantage in already saturated markets with other frozen yogurt shops. In recent years consumers place a greater importance on the environment and corporate social responsibility. They are likely to buy green products, even if its quality is the same as a similar non-green product. An eco-friendly image will enhance the brand identity and create loyalty for eco-minded customers. The socially-conscious consumer trend, enhanced by effective branding, should help Cherry On Top to obtain a unique position in the frozen yogurt market.

By promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly practices, we want to change customer' s perceptions of Cherry On Top. Customers should view Cherry On Top as an eco-friendly company in order to build a socially-responsible and green image. More specifically, we suggest Cherry On Top take the following steps to reduce their impact on the planet:

- Use reclaimable serving materials
- Use energy-saving appliances, such as light-bulbs to reduce electrical consumption
- Donate $1 \%$ of profit to environmentally oriented charities

Cherry On Top has a trendy design, great topping selection, neighborhood proximity, and vegan friendly options. However, they also have unlabeled toppings, fewer flavors, a higher price and low brand differentiation. By transitioning into an eco-friendly store, Cherry On Top will create its own unique position and distinction within the frozen yogurt market. They must also engage consumers through Facebook, Yelp, Groupon, and Foursquare with quality content and rewards for staying connected and providing feedback. Customers are encouraged to leave comments, post photos, and check-in through discounts and recognition via the smart TV which will showcase a live feed of social media activity. Promotional flavors will be pushed by posting flavor cards on Facebook and through the "Color of the Week" promotion. Through social media presence, environmental efforts, and a variety of engaging promotions, Cherry On Top will reach its target market and increase sales.

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    "Go Green Project"
Why is CherryOnTop Different?
1. We use reclaimable serving materials.
2. We use energy-saving lights to reduce electrical
        consumption.
    3. We donate 1% of profit to environmentally
        oriented charities.
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|  | Fall 2012 Product: Household Products - Food products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frozen Yogurt |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Used in last 6 months Total (Principal Shoppers) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Homemakers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total '000 | Proj '000 | Pct Across | Pct Down | Index |  |
| Total |  | 142539 | 15780 | 11.1 | 100 | 100 |  |
| Women |  | 97103 | 11268 | 11.6 | 71.4 | 105 |  |
| Educ: did not graduate HS |  | 18127 | 2405 | 13.3 | 15.2 | 120 |  |
| Educ: post graduate |  | 15543 | 1940 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 113 |  |
| Age 18-24 |  | 11272 | 1350 | 12 | 8.6 | 108 |  |
| Age 55-64 |  | 24649 | 2888 | 11.7 | 18.3 | 106 |  |
| HHI: \$150,000+ |  | 12873 | 1487 | 11.5 | 9.4 | 104 |  |
| HHI: \$20,000-\$29,999 |  | 15648 | 1991 | 12.7 | 12.6 | 115 |  |
| HHI: <\$20,000 |  | 25947 | 3194 | 12.3 | 20.2 | 111 |  |
| Marital Status: Now Married |  | 70341 | 8006 | 11.4 | 50.7 | 103 |  |
| Child age: <12 months |  | 5732 | 729 | 12.7 | 4.6 | 115 |  |
| Child age: 6-11 years |  | 23037 | 2653 | 11.5 | 16.8 | 104 |  |
| Child age: 12-17 years |  | 23238 | 2923 | 12.6 | 18.5 | 114 |  |
| Race: Black/African American |  | 17274 | 2104 | 12.2 | 13.3 | 110 |  |
| Race: Asian |  | 3969 | 609 | 15.4 | 3.9 | 139 |  |
| Race: Other |  | 12133 | 1771 | 14.6 | 11.2 | 132 |  |
| Race: Black/African American only |  | 16665 | 2069 | 12.4 | 13.1 | 112 |  |
| Race: Other Race/Multiple Classifications |  | 17720 | 2474 | 14 | 15.7 | 126 |  |
| Spanish spoken in home (most often or other) |  | 19489 | 2919 | 15 | 18.5 | 135 |  |
| Internet I (Heavy) |  | 28191 | 3185 | 11.3 | 20.2 | 102 |  |
| Internet IV |  | 28215 | 3404 | 12.1 | 21.6 | 109 |  |
| Internet V (Light) |  | 29893 | 3463 | 11.6 | 21.9 | 105 |  |
| Web Sites: disney.com |  | 3726 | 428 | 11.5 | 2.7 | 104 |  |
| Web Sites: fox.com |  | 5477 | 696 | 12.7 | 4.4 | 115 |  |
| Web Sites: Hulu.com |  | 7112 | 936 | 13.2 | 5.9 | 119 |  |
| Web Sites: iTunes.com |  | 17894 | 2064 | 11.5 | 13.1 | 104 |  |
| Web Sites: Ticketmaster.com |  | 6523 | 799 | 12.3 | 5.1 | 111 |  |
| Web Sites: Yahoo! Movies |  | 3374 | 510 | 15.1 | 3.2 | 137 |  |
| Web Sites: About.com |  | 4251 | 496 | 11.7 | 3.1 | 105 |  |
| Web Sites: Yellowpages.com (YP.com) |  | 10609 | 1280 | 12.1 | 8.1 | 109 |  |
| Web Sites: CareerBuilder.com |  | 7811 | 1011 | 12.9 | 6.4 | 117 |  |
| Web Sites: monster.com |  | 5908 | 767 | 13 | 4.9 | 117 |  |
| Web Sites: BBC.com |  | 3836 | 515 | 13.4 | 3.3 | 121 |  |
| Web Sites: foxnews.com |  | 10209 | 1370 | 13.4 | 8.7 | 121 |  |
| Web Sites: nytimes.com |  | 9756 | 1200 | 12.3 | 7.6 | 111 |  |
| Web Sites: Coupons.com |  | 6171 | 879 | 14.2 | 5.6 | 129 |  |
| Web Sites: Groupon.com |  | 12409 | 1677 | 13.5 | 10.6 | 122 |  |
| Web Sites: LivingSocial.com |  | 6012 | 857 | 14.3 | 5.4 | 129 |  |
| Web Sites: Any Spanish Language Website |  | 3385 | 630 | 18.6 | 4 | 168 |  |
| Web Sites: Hotels.com |  | 7053 | 870 | 12.3 | 5.5 | 111 |  |
| Web Sites: Hotwire.com |  | 5365 | 640 | 11.9 | 4.1 | 108 |  |
| Web Sites: Travelocity.com |  | 9524 | 1134 | 11.9 | 7.2 | 108 |  |

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    Mon-Thu, Sun $11 \mathrm{am}-10 \mathrm{pm}$
    Fri-Sat 11 am- 11 pm

