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Sariah Cepeda, 2, of Cape Coral, modeled for our May cover. Sariah is the daughter of Mariah Morales and Cesar Cepeda.



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DELICIOUS MEXICAN

Taco Pancho makes it fast and good. BY ANN M. O'PHELAN

I recently became a fan of Taco Pancho. A few weeks back, I gave it a try and now I am a regular customer. For a busy mom, it's great to have a spot where you can run in, place an order and minutes later leave with a tasty meal for the family — all without breaking the bank.

Cape Coral's Taco Pancho is conveniently located on Santa Barbara Boulevard just north of Veterans Memorial Parkway, across the street from Cape Coral High School.

The breakfast menu, which I haven't tried yet, features breakfast burritos, such as ham and eggs or steak and eggs (\$4.99). The lunch and dinner menu is lengthy and includes everything from simple tacos to a huge carne asada burrito loaded with steak (or pork), cabbage, onions, cilantro, salsa and cheese (\$4.99). Many choices are in the \$4 to \$5 range.

The restaurant has seating inside; however, many guests take their food to-go. Over the course of my numerous trips to Taco Pancho one week, I ordered

the hard shell taco (95 cents), the soft taco (\$1.25), a vegetable burrito of grilled bell peppers and onions with rice, tomato salsa and cheese (\$4.29), and cheese enchiladas (\$5.99), which can be made with chicken or beef as well. I have taken food to-go (in-car dining) and dined inside the restaurant with family and friends.

Although there are many inexpensive items to choose from for the kids, such as the tacos, tater tots (\$1.99), tostada (\$1.99) and beans and rice (\$2.99), there's also a kids' meal that includes choice of one hard taco, one soft taco or one small cheese quesadilla and one churro, small drink and toy (\$3.49).

While dining in with family and friends, we ordered once and then we ordered again. The daily special of two beef hard shell tacos (\$1.49) was priced right for heading back to the counter where a smiling staff member welcomed our return. They also have churros — doughnut-like sticks rolled with cinnamon and sugar (\$1.29). Maybe later this week, we'll give them a try. **p&c**

Taco Pancho

Locations »

12311 Santa Barbara Blvd., Suite 115, Cape Coral (242-4301); there's another location at 28100 Imperial Parkway, Suite 300, Bonita Springs (495-0991).

Online »

tacopancho.com

Hours » 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

Price range » 95-cent tacos to \$8.99 house specials

Kids' menu » One hard taco, one soft taco or one small cheese quesadilla with a churro, small drink and toy (\$3.49).

Tips » Watch for daily specials.

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