



United States Department of Agriculture

# USDA Summer Food Service Program



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# Summer Food Service Program Basics

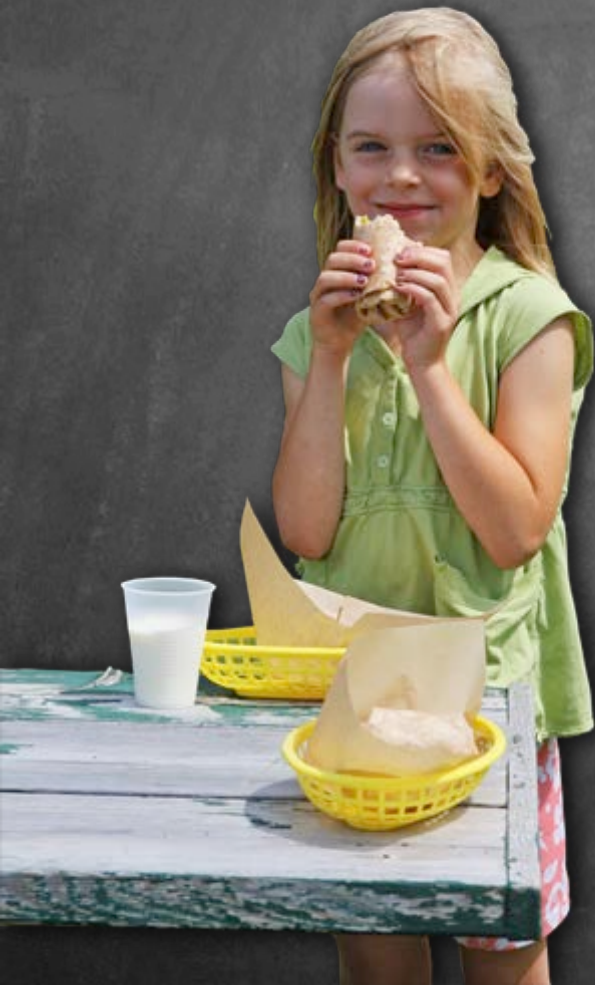
Funds provided by USDA

Each State Agency administers program

Children 18 years old and younger receive free, nutritious meals during summer when school is out

Housing agencies, non-profits, faith-based groups, schools, local government agencies, etc. serve the free, nutritious meals at safe and convenient sites in communities

Operates during summer months when school is out



# Benefits to Families & Communities

Gives children the food they need to keep learning, playing, and growing when they are out of school

Helps families with tight food budgets

Sites that serve summer meals provide activities to keep children mentally and physically active

Draws in businesses and organizations in the community around food & activities



# The Challenge

We are only reaching 1 out of 6 eligible children

## WHY

- Families and communities don't know the program exists
- Lack of sites serving summer meals
- Transportation issues – children can't get to sites; meals can't get to sites
- Lack of volunteers to keep sites fun for kids & teens to want to come back



# How Can You Help

- **Be a Site** – a good start if you are just getting started with summer meals
- **Be a Sponsor** – if you're ready for the responsibility of preparing or ordering food and financial accounting
- **Partner with Sites** - plan fun physical and mental activities for kids and teens at sites
- **Promote** – Hang up signs, email, send letters, spread the word to families



# What Is a “Site?”

- The place where meals are served to the children
- Sites are ideally in an accessible location where children naturally congregate during the summer



# What Does a “Site” Do?

**If you are new to summer meals program,  
we recommend you start off as a site**

- Get trained by your sponsor organization
- Order and receive meals from “Sponsor”
- Serve the meals delivered by or picked up from sponsor
- Run by residents, staff, and/or volunteers (including students)
- Make sure kids eat meals at site and are safe
- Make sure food is safe and kept at proper temperatures
- Do not discriminate against any child
- Prepare complete and accurate records of deliveries, meals served, other paperwork so “Sponsor” can be reimbursed
- Plan fun physical and/or mental activities



# Site Finder

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## Summer Meal Site Finder

Summer meal sites for 2015 will be available starting May 15 and will be updated throughout the summer. Please check back.

### Summer Food Rocks!

Find Summer Food Sites

This tool will assist you in finding Summer Food Service Program Feeding Sites. To get started, type in a city, zip code or address. Just click on any orange dot to see where the site is located, when it is open, and contact information.

Search City, State, or Zip

Summer site information varies by state and will be available as the school year is ending and summer is about to begin in your community. Please continue to check this site as new locations are continuously added throughout the summer.

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- Find a Summer Meals Site Map: [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks)
- Contact your State agency to find sponsors or ask other questions: [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Contacts/StateDirectory.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Contacts/StateDirectory.htm)



# Summer Meals Resources

- Main website: [www.summerfood.usda.gov](http://www.summerfood.usda.gov)
- Summer Meals toolkit: [www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-meals-toolkit](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-meals-toolkit)
- Summer Meals Shorts (videos): [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBccton6gOdp0d5Ydlil3TtRcSDtCdmzH](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBccton6gOdp0d5Ydlil3TtRcSDtCdmzH)

