



Summer Meals Newsletter

Upcoming USDA/Partner Events:

[Afterschool Meals Myths and Misconceptions](#)

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

3:00 - 4:00 PM EST

Share Our Strength, No Kid Hungry

[Nutrition Education Strategies to Promote Fruit and Vegetable Consumption](#)

Thursday, June 27, 2019

3:00 - 4:00 PM EST

Institute of Child Nutrition S.T.A.R.

SAVE THE DATE:

[Summer Meals Matters Call: Tips and Tricks for Maintaining Participation in August](#)

Thursday, August 1, 2019

1:00 - 2:00 PM EST

Food Research and Action Center



USDA's Official Summer Meals Texting Number

USDA has a free texting number that families can use to find Summer Meals sites near them. Families can text "Summer Meals" to 97779 to find summer sites near them. Spanish speakers can text "Verano" to 97779.

In addition to the texting number, USDA also has toolkits and resources available on our website to help sponsors raise awareness about their sites.

All these materials are free and downloadable on our [website](#).



Being prepared for Inclement Weather Conditions

All sponsors are required to have a contingency plan in place in case of inclement weather. Work with your outdoor sites to ensure they are prepared for inclement weather conditions. Your plan could include:

1. Partnering with a local community organization or civic center to use an indoor space as an alternative site.
2. Arranging tents for hot or rainy days as shelter for outdoor sites.
3. Letting SFSP participants know any alternative site arrangements. You can do this by distributing flyers at the summer meal site.

Sponsors who need additional support should reach out to their State agencies to learn about flexibilities available for outdoor meal sites without temperature-controlled alternative sites.

USDA Summer Site Finder

The [Summer Meals Site Finder](#) is a tool developed by USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to help children and parents quickly and easily find summer meal sites near them.

Additionally, this data is also used to fuel USDA's texting services, 311, and other community-developed grassroots applications.

Sponsors should check the map to make sure all their sites are on the map. If sites are missing, sponsors should reach out to their State agencies.





Announcing the 2018 Turnip the Beet Winners!

USDA is pleased to announce the third annual Turnip the Beet awardees. These awards recognize outstanding summer meal program sponsors who distinguished themselves with high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and wholesome. In 2018, 118 sponsors from across the country earned Bronze, Silver, or Gold level Turnip the Beet awards. All awardees will receive a certificate. Gold and Silver awardees were highlighted in the [USDA blog](#), and Gold awardees will be identified as Turnip the Beet winners on FNS' [Capacity Builder](#) mapping tool.

Congratulations to all of the 2018 awardees! We thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of our nation's children and encourage you to keep up the great work.



Gold Winners

California

Redlands Unified School District
South Bay Unified School District
Victor Valley Union High School District

Indiana

City of Indianapolis Department of
Parks and Recreation

Michigan

Waterford School District Food &
Nutrition Service

Mississippi

Biloxi Public School District

North Dakota

Tri-Valley Migrant Headstart

Oregon

Kids Unlimited

Texas

Hays CISD Child Nutrition

Laredo ISD

Leander ISD Summer Meals Program

Magnolia ISD

Plano ISD Food & Nutritional Services

Virginia

Staunton County

Wisconsin

Stevens Point Area School District



Silver Winners

Alabama

Feeding the Gulf Coast: Feel the Beat, Let's Eat

California

Rialto Unified School District

Natomas Unified School District

San Jacinto Unified School District

Colorado

Alamosa School District Nutrition Department

Greeley Evans School District 6 Nutrition Services

Delaware

Christina School District

Colonial School District

Florida

Family Worship and Praise Center CDC 1109

Star of the Sea Foundation

Georgia

Douglas County Schools

Floyd County Child Nutrition Department

Wayne County School Nutrition

Indiana

Ray Bird Ministries Camp Ray Bird

School City of Hammond

SON Ministries, INC

South Spencer County School Corporation

TRIO Upward Bound Summer Academy

Wabash Valley Youth for Christ AKA Camp

Navigate

Iowa

Council Bluffs Community School District

Nevada Community School District

Waukee Community School District

Kentucky

Owensboro Public Schools

Louisiana

St. Helena School Parish District

Maine

Eastport Summer Lunch Rocks

Massachusetts

Malden YMCA

Michigan

Bendle Public Schools

Essexville Hampton Public Schools

Fenton Area Public Schools

Food Gatherers

Mattawan Consolidated Schools

Monroe Family YMCA

Montrose Community Schools

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency

Paw Paw Public Schools

YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids

Missouri

Children's Mercy Kids Eat Free Program

New Heights Community Resource Center

Saint Louis Public Schools

North Carolina

Brigade Boys and Girls Club

Campus Kitchen at Wake Forest University

Carolina's HealthCare System University

GrowthQuest

Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian

Whiteville City Schools

Oregon

Beaverton School District

Pennsylvania

Boys and Girls Club of Lancaster

Project Share of Carlisle

Tennessee

Campbell County High School

Morgan County Schools Food & Nutrition

Texas

Austin ISD

Garland ISD

Grand Prairie

Houston ISD Nutrition Services

Lewisville ISD Child Nutrition Program

North East ISD

North Texas Food Bank

Rio Hondo ISD

Smithville Independent School District

Spring ISD

Virginia

Giles County

Washington

Wallingford Boys and Girls Club

Wisconsin

Gundersen Health System

Montello School District

Pulaski Area School District

UW Health Summer Food Service Program



Bronze Winners

California

San Leandro Unified School District

Colorado

Brush School District

Littleton County Public Schools

Delaware

Brandywine School District

Florida

Hillsborough County School Board

Well Pavilion Empowerment Center Inc.

Georgia

Be Bright, Eat Right Rockdale

Fulton County School Nutrition

Indiana

Clark Road Genesis Family Center, Inc.

DeKalb County Central United School District

St. Joseph School

The Salvation Army Eagle Creek

Iowa

Newton Community School District

Storm Lake Community School District

Kentucky

Hardin County Schools

Massachusetts

Friendly House

University of Massachusetts Dining Services

Michigan

Durand Area Schools- Durand High School

The School District of the City of Saginaw

Mississippi

Claiborne County School District

Oxford School District

Missouri

Maryville R-II School District

Operation Food Search

Nebraska

Salvation Army Adams County

YWCA Adams County

New York

Foodlink

North Carolina

Alamance Burlington School System

Buncombe County Schools

Wilson County Schools

YMCA of Western North Carolina

South Carolina

Medical University of South Carolina

South Dakota

Vermillion School District SFSP Program

Tennessee

East Tennessee Human Resource Agency Prescott

Elementary School Site

Robertson County Schools

Texas

Gatesville ISD Summer Feeding

San Marcos CISD

Wisconsin

Unified School District of De Pere

