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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SPONSORS SOLICITED

The Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services is seeking potential sponsors to operate the Summer Food Service Program in Nebraska. Eligible sponsors include public or nonprofit private schools, residential camps and local, municipal, county or state government sites as well as private, nonprofit sponsors and sites.

The Summer Food Service Program operates during the summer or any school vacation of at least three weeks in schools with a continuous school year calendar. Meals and snacks are usually served to children in such places as schools, churches, playgrounds or parks.

The Summer Food Service Program was created to ensure that children in low-income areas could continue to receive meals during long school vacations when they do not have access to the school lunch or breakfast.

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