

What is the Summer Food Service Program?

Children need good food all year long, even when they're not in school. The Summer Food Service Program provides healthy meals to children age 18 and younger, free of charge.

The Summer Food Service Program:

- Feeds low-income children in the summer
- Gives a boost to public and private non-profit summer programs
- Helps give low-income children the best start on the new school year

With summer meals, children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow, during vacation when they do not eat at school.

Sponsors receive funds that support programs serving low-income children when there is no school.

Where do children go for summer meals?

Many SFSP sites provide not just meals, but educational, enrichment, and recreational activities that help children continue to learn and stay safe when school is not in session.

Summer meals act as an extra "magnet" to draw children to activities – and activities draw children to meals -- at places like:

Schools	Head Start centers
Camps	Hospitals
Boys and Girls Clubs	21 st century learning centers
Kids Cafes	National Youth Sports
Park and Recreation centers	Programs at colleges and universities
Vacation Bible schools	Upward Bound programs
Libraries	4H Clubs
Community pools	Community action agencies
Schools	Food banks
Libraries	Homeless shelters
Congregations	
YMCA's	

How do organizations participate?

Even if you think your staff, time, and resources are stretched too thin, your organization can still participate in the Summer Food Service Program.

Some organizations may not be able to sponsor the program, but they can supervise meals, recreation, and enrichment activities for children at a site.

Signing up as a food service site under an existing SFSP Sponsor means nutritious, prepared meals will be delivered to your location with less paperwork for you.

What will your organization do as a food service site?

As a sponsored site, you will have an arrangement with another organization that is approved to administer the program.

The sponsor will have staff and management experience to help you learn how to run your food service site successfully.

Your sponsor will determine if your site is eligible, train your staff, arrange for meals to be prepared or delivered, monitor your site, and prepare claims for reimbursement

If you operate a summer food service site, you will:

- attend your sponsor's training
- supervise activities and meal services at your site
- distribute meals by following SFSP guidelines
- keep daily records of meals served
- store food appropriately
- keep the site clean and sanitary
- follow SFSP guidelines



What kinds of meals will your site serve?

The Summer Food Service Program serves meals with milk, meat, fruits, vegetables, and grains. Meals have all the good things that children need to grow up strong and healthy.

All meals and snacks meet USDA's nutrition standards.

Children might get breakfast, lunch, supper, or snack, depending on what your site serves.

Most food service sites can provide up to two meals – either breakfast and lunch, or breakfast and supper – or one meal and a snack.

SAMPLE MENUS

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snack
Chocolate milk Raisin toast Apple sauce	Milk Bean burrito Carrot sticks Pineapple chunks	Blueberry muffin Milk
Milk Cereal Orange juice	Chocolate milk Grilled chicken sandwich Lettuce Peaches	Yogurt Banana

Upcoming Training

Training Schedule

The Nebraska Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) training is offered as a self-guided series of PowerPoint videos, found here:
http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/training/SFSP_training2013.html

The SFSP Handbooks and other resources are also available on our webpage:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/forms/sfspforms/index.html>

Reimbursement Rates for 2014

Meal Type	Operating Rates	Administrative Rates	
		Rural or Self-Prep Sites	Other Sites
Breakfast	\$ 1.89	\$.1875	\$.1475
Lunch/ Supper	\$ 3.30	\$.3450	\$.2875
Snack	\$.77	\$.0950	\$.0750

Who should you contact first?

Please contact Nutrition Services. We will answer your questions and help you get started. Nutrition Services - Summer Food Service Program, at 800-731-2233.

For a list of more resources on SFSP please check the following web sites:

Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Nutrition Services website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/sfspforms/index.html>

The USDA website at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp>



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