Summer Meals Newsletter

MAY 2016

SPRING IS HERE AND SUMMER IS NEAR
IT IS TIME TO KICK YOUR PLANNING INTO HIGH GEAR!

What’s New?

New Designs! The 2016 Guidance books have been updated with brand new designs. Check them out here: http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/page/portal/CNKC/SFSP_pp

Attachments
You can also find all the attachments in the Attachments Manual on our website. http://portal.nysed.gov/portal/page/portal/CNKC/SFSP_pp

Summer Food, Summer Moves
resources now available! Check them out at http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/summer-food-summer-moves

Upcoming USDA and Partner Events

May 11th, 1pm EST
iForm: Power Up with Summer Meals in Schools!!
https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFNS/bulletins/1477fbe?reqfrom=share

May 14th, 2pm EST
Share Our Strength Center for Best Practices: Engaging Elected Officials at Summer Meals Sites
https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/events/2015/may/14/engaging-elected-officials-summer-meals-sites

May 18th, 1:00pm EST
USDA FNS: Maps to Make Your Summer Meal Program Better
https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=67q2ik6441m1

Summer Site Finder!
Click on the picture to the right to find local summer feeding sites! Share this link with others to reach more hungry kids!

Proactive Planning for Sponsors

REMININDERS

- All experienced sponsor renewals must be submitted by June 1st
- Ensure your sites are still available and ready to serve meals.
- Conduct outreach to families and children near your sites.
- Finish health inspection letter.
- Ensure site staff and volunteers have been trained.
- Keep us in the loop! Let us know the date, time, and location of your kickoff event!
New Meal Quality Handout for Summer Meal Program Operators

As the summer approaches, make sure you have all the right information to serve healthy meals and encourage participation in summer meal programs. In May, the Food and Nutrition Service will release a 4-page handout for summer meal site operators that gives practical ideas for small changes that sites can implement to improve the nutritional quality of meals they serve, and ways to make foods more appealing to children and teens. The handout will be available in both English and Spanish, and will include tips, resources, a taste-testing ballot, and sample menus!

The *Offering Healthy Summer Meals that Kids Enjoy* handout provides tips and tools to improve the quality of meals being served and ensure kids enjoy all that Summer Meal Programs have to offer. Start using the delicious sample menus and the “taste test ballot” now, to decide which fruits, vegetables, and recipes you should include in your summer menu more often. Find additional ideas about how to engage volunteers and staff and how to incorporate local foods in this colorful handout, and put your new inspiration into action with the interactive goal-setting section. The handout has information to help every type of site (big, small, or vended) make their summer meal program fun and healthy!

This handout will be available along with other Team Nutrition summer resources at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/summer-food-summer-moves](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/summer-food-summer-moves). Free printed copies of this handout, and other summer resources, are expected to be available for summer meal sites participating in the USDA Child Nutrition programs this summer through the Team Nutrition Web site: [http://teamnutrition.usda.gov](http://teamnutrition.usda.gov). If you have questions please contact Team Nutrition at TeamNutrition@fns.usda.gov.

Promoting Summer Meals

The *Summer Meal Flyers* have arrived, and are ready for distribution. Follow this link to access flyers, postcards, and bookmarks you can use to make your summer meal program the talk of the town! Remember, summer meal outreach can be done by ANYONE, ANYWHERE, so make sure to share these resources with ALL community partners!

Click here to check out the fliers: [http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/raise-awareness](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/raise-awareness)

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