

# Summer Meals Newsletter

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SUMMER 2016 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of our  
Sponsors for another  
successful summer!!

New York State had 348  
Sponsors this year that  
served children at over  
3,000 sites!



## Wrapping up your SFSP

- ◇ Submit your Claims on time
  - July by September 29th
  - August by October 30th
  - September by November 29th
- ◇ Review what worked well and what didn't—what would you do differently for next year?
- ◇ If it's your review year, get ready for your Administrative Review with the checklist

SFSP Office 518-486-1086



Your Organization may be eligible to continue providing food into the school year!

Consider the **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals**. This program reimburses eligible afterschool programs for serving healthy snacks and/or suppers to children and teens after the school day ends.

Your afterschool program may be eligible to participate if it is located in a low income area and provides educational or enrichment activities to school-age children.

Applications are accepted at any time of the year. Call CACFP at 1-800-942-3858 and select option 6 to start the application.

Please visit the web-site [www.health.ny.gov/CACFP](http://www.health.ny.gov/CACFP) to learn more!

[CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Snack/Supper Program Brochure](#)

## 2016 Success Stories & Highlights



United Way provided “goodie bags” for each child. The children also had ice cream sundaes and were presented with a Certificate at their site – for bragging rights!

The Rensselaer County Department for Youth each year runs a **“Best Summer Food Site”** Competition among their 29 food sites. Each site must send in their weekly reports, invoices and meal stroke tally sheets in on time and done correctly. Each site must call in daily by 1:00 Pm with their next day meal requirements. The Sites must have a good 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring done by the sponsor, good Health Inspection and if selected, a good State Education Report.

Each site must engage the youth in activities and make the program fun for youth to participate.

It keeps the sites interested in doing well for the entire program.

On August 18, 2016 the John Warden site was selected as “Best Summer Food Site for 2016”. Their site won out of a total of 29 sites for doing a great job!



United Way’s **‘2016 Summer Meals Drawing Contest’** winning entry by Kailan Francis, 9 years old. The prize was a new bike, helmet, and bike lock. She wanted to give the bike to her younger brother who recently had his bike stolen. Through the efforts of United Way and Target, each of them received a new bike, helmet and lock!

**Share your experiences!**

- ◇ **Menu items the kids loved!**
- ◇ **Pictures of your site(s)**
- ◇ **Strategies you used to increase participation**
- ◇ **Strategies you used to reduce costs & wastes**
- ◇ **Anyone procure local produce? Tell us how you connected with local farmers!**

**Please e-mail your success stories & pictures to [Meghan.Taney@nysed.gov](mailto:Meghan.Taney@nysed.gov)**