



Summer Meals Newsletter

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WHILE MOST ARE SETTling IN FOR WINTER,
WE'RE HARD AT WORK GEARING UP FOR SUMMER!

2017 Sponsor Training

- We will be providing a convenient webinar for our returning sponsors.
- Watch for registration for our face to face trainings.

Happy New Year!

What's New Fall Policy Release

Last month, FNS issued new policy guidance on the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Topics include area eligibility, meal disallowances, automatic revocation of tax-exempt status, and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The SFSP Q&A memo was also updated.

Read the new SFSP memos [here](#).
Read the new SSO memo [here](#).

What's New?!

- Click [here](#) to check out our new and improved website!
- Want to know if you are up for review this year? The [2017 Sponsors up for Review](#) list is available on our website.
- If you run a camp site be sure to look at the [Camp Site Updates](#) memo.



Summer Sunshine Award



We would like to recognize Gates-Chili School District for receiving a Summer Sunshine Award. Gates-Chili received the Gold Elite award for outstanding site activities in Summer 2016.

Congratulations!

Thank you for all your hard work!



Summer Spotlight: Farm to Summer

Summer is a time of rich agricultural abundance and sponsors across the country are benefiting from the season’s bounty by including local products and food-related activities into their summer meals programs. Now is the perfect time to connect with your local agriculture community and begin planning for [Farm to Summer](#) success! Summer meal sponsors and sites can incorporate Farm to Summer activities into their programs by serving locally sourced items in their meals and snacks or offering educational activities that teach children about local foods and healthy habits.



Winter is the Perfect time to start planning for Summer!

Here are some tips for what you can be doing right now to get ready for another successful summer:

- Check out the [2017 Area Eligibility List](#) to see if you can recruit sites to these areas that are unserved or underserved.
- Reach out to sites that were underutilized and together brainstorm ideas about how to increase participation this year.
- Determine which of your sites will be returning and meet with community partners.
- Reach out to new and existing partners in your community. Strong community partnerships help fuel strong summer feeding programs.

