

Becoming a Summer Food Site

What is a Sponsored Summer Food Site?

A sponsored site is a physical location, approved by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Food Nutritional and Wellness Division, where summer meals are served during a supervised time period. Sponsored sites operate under the guidance and oversight of approved multi-site organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank.

Sites operate in low-income areas where at least 50 percent of children residing in the area are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals, based on local school or census data. Meals are served free to any child on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Who Can Become a Site?

Meal service sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, churches, community centers, day camps, residential summer camps, housing projects, or for-profit residential facilities that rely solely on volunteers to serve meals. For-profit residential facilities must not benefit financially from the program.

What are the sites' responsibilities?

- Attend orientation and training at our facility in Orlando.
- Designate at least two individuals to oversee operations at your site.
- Be available at the site to receive food deliveries on operating days.
- Supervise activities and meal service at your location.
- Manage volunteers
- Distribute meals by following SFSP guidelines
- Keep daily records of meals served
- Store food appropriately – Refrigeration is required.
- Keep the site clean so that it is safe for children.
- Help your sponsor promote the program in the community

If your organization is interested in becoming a summer food site, download, complete, and submit an application.

Applications are reviewed on a case by case basis. The submission of an application does not guarantee participation with SHFB.