



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

LIMITED AVAILABILITY 2020

We are almost at capacity for summer 2020, but are still seeking a few, well-located, well-staffed, and enthusiastic partner sites in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Lake Counties





WHAT IS THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)?

The SFSP is a federally-funded, state-administered program. The SFSP reimburses providers who serve free healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.

Second Harvest has administered this program since 2007, partnering with over 200 locations in six counties. SHFB recruits community partners that provide activities or services to youth in our communities to serve hot or cold nutritious meals for kids.

If your organization is interested in being considered, please contact Santos Maldonado at SMaldonado@feedhopenow.org.

WHAT ARE THE PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES?



Summer Food Partners are responsible for operating their sites and having trained staff or volunteers available to distribute the food at scheduled times. The Summer Food Program is a supplement to the work that partners are already doing. We provide the meals to your site which can increase participation, reduce program costs, and minimize issues associated with bringing a lunch to the site (i.e. allergies.)

If you have 35 or more kids, we provide hot lunches and cold breakfasts - otherwise, we provide cold lunches and cold breakfasts. We seek sites that can serve 5 days per week while school is out for summer.

Partners will receive training on food safety and meal service requirements. All partner sites must be able to store food safely. All must have refrigeration.

Sites are required to have enough seating for their participants and a restroom with running water. If outdoors, the site must provide a back-up location that is sheltered in case of rain.

Paperwork includes using a mobile app to tally the meals as they are handed-out to the participants in your programs.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN SFSP?

Any child or teen 18 and under can participate in SFSP, and no enrollment or eligibility information is collected. Sites must be in economically needy areas as determined by nearby schools having 50% or greater free lunch participation rates.

No child 18 or under can be turned away from receiving meals and civil rights are enforced. Partners in areas that are 50%+ free & reduced lunch rates can participate in the SFSP. Organizations may include camps, parks, daycares, churches, apartment complexes, libraries, etc.



HOW DO YOU APPLY?

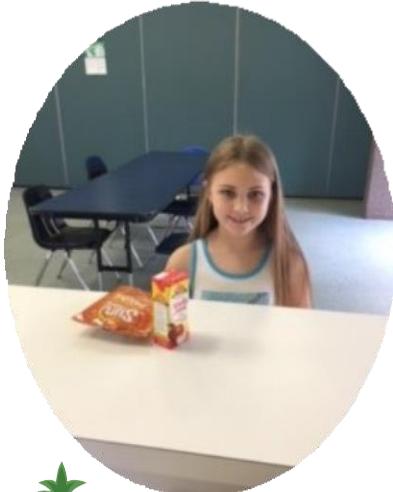
If your organization is interested in signing up, please contact Santos Maldonado at SMaldonado@feedhopenow.org.

There is limited availability. There is no waiting list. Each applicant will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. We cannot guarantee participation. If approved, you will be invited to attend state-required training at Second Harvest Food Bank in April.



WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS SERVED?

The best kind! We conduct focus groups with kids year-round to find out what they like best. We also are required to meet guidelines implemented by the state to make sure that kids are getting the best nutrition during the summer. Menus are provided all summer long and are required to be posted at the site. Second Harvest provides a menu of hot and cold meals to encourage participation and provide variety for the kids.



I WANT TO HELP, WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Volunteer! Our best SFSP sites have organized, well-run activities that keep the interest of the children and teens coming back to the site day after day. Some of these activities include arts and crafts, tutoring, mentoring, drama, sports, computer training, music, gardening, reading programs, cooking or any other creative ideas you may have. Many sites have enlisted local fire and police departments, local celebrities, local businesses and local political figures to make presentations to their SFSP sites. The only limitation is your imagination.

