

FREE SUMMER MEALS FAQ

WHAT IS THE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM?



The Summer Meals Program provides free, healthy meals to children and teens 18 and under. It fills the gap when school meals end, ensuring youth have continued access to nourishment throughout the summer.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF NDS?



Nutritional Development Services (NDS), is a sponsor of the Summer Meals Program. During the summer months, NDS collaborates with community partners to become meal sites. NDS delivers daily meals directly to sites and the sites serve the meals to the children in their community.

WHAT IS A SUMMER MEAL SITE?



A site is an approved location where program meals are served during a set time. Sites can include camps, churches, outdoor areas, libraries, and more. As the site, you'll set your program's start and end dates, meal times, and operating days. We ask that you complete daily paperwork to track meal counts.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?



- Be located in an eligible area and/or serve eligible children. This is determined using Census or school data
- Must attend an annual training
- Serve at least 15 children per day for at least one week

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?



To learn more or register, please contact NDS's main office at 215-895-3470, option 1. When registering, you'll be asked a few questions about your program, including the location, start and end dates, service times, meal counts, and more.