**TEMPLATE FAQs ABOUT SUMMER MEALS**

***Note:*** *Customize these FAQs about summer meals to announce your summer meals program. Use this information on your website and in materials to provide more information about programs. See the “*[*Outreach Tactics”*](http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/summer-meals/outreach-tactics) *section of the Sodexo Foundation Summer Meals Outreach Toolkit for more tips.*

 *When school is out for the summer, meals will still be in session. Learn how to get free summer meals.*

**Summer Meals: Food, Friends and Fun**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are summer meals programs?**  Summer meals programs are a federal child nutrition programs funded by the USDA and designed to provide kids and teens ages 18 and under healthy meals during the months of June, July, and August when school is out.

**What are the requirements for my child or teen to receive a meal? Do I have to fill out an application form?** There is no application necessary to receive a meal and you do not have to show proof of income. Kids and teens ages 18 and younger can just show up at a summer meal site during the site’s hours of operation.

**Is there a cost?** No. All summer meals offered through the USDA’s programs are FREE to all kids and teens ages 18 and younger.

**How do I find a Summer Meal site in my community?** Summer meals sites are in the community at safe, supervised places like churches, schools and community centers.Go to WEBSITE or call 1-XXX-XXX-XXX to find a site and learn more or text [SHORTCODE] to 877-877 to find a site near you.

**What kind of food is served at these sites?** The meals served are healthy and meet USDA guidelines. A typical lunch, for example, will include a turkey sandwich on wheat bread, milk, an apple and a salad. Here is a sample menu [INCLUDE LINK].

**Do summer meal sites offer activities?** Many sites offer fun learning and recreational activities in a safe, supervised environment. To find out the type of activities offered, call the site. For more summer programming options, visit WEBSITE or call 1-XXX-XXX-XXX.

**There is no site in my area. What can I do to be sure that one is available for the children in my area next summer?** If there are no summer meals sites in your community, we can HELP. Contact XXXX at: XXXX or email info@x.org.

**What else can I do to help?** You can share information about free summer meals with your friends, neighbors and family members.

**Who funds free summer meals?** Summer meals programs are funded by the USDA through the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program and are administered by the [ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OVERSEEING SUMMER MEALS PROGRAMS IN YOUR STATE].

Have other questions? Please contact US at: info@X.org.