

The High Plains Food Bank sponsors the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for youth (18 and under). These meal programs provide free meals to young people throughout the year. During the summer (Monday-Friday) at designated meal site partner locations. The program is made possible by federal funds and private donations to the High Plains Food Bank. The SFSP offers the opportunity for interested partners to become participating meal sites.

Request for more information to participate as a Summer Food Service Program meal site can be made to Maribel Sotelo at High Plains Food Bank via email at maribel@hpb.org or by phone 806.350.1436.

Learn More About Summer Food:

Which types of organizations are eligible to become SFSP Meal Sites?

- **Public or private nonprofit schools**
- **Units of local, municipal, county, tribal, or state government**
- **Private nonprofit organizations**
- **Public or private nonprofit camps**
- **Public or private nonprofit universities or colleges**

How are SFSP Meals Prepared? As a Summer Food Program Sponsor, HPFB prepares its own meals. Maintains all administrative records for the meal site and retains the funding from the Texas Department of Agriculture towards the purchase of high-quality fresh food products & supplies. Meal sites pick up their meals at a central location to take to their meal site on a daily schedule. We provide two types of meals: A HOT/Cold Food Meal or a Shelf Stable Meal.

Hosting a Meal Site: Some organizations do not have the financial or administrative ability to run the SFSP program, but they can supervise food services for children as a meal site. Meal sites are required and most successful to pair the meal with enrichment programs. A Meal Site decides if they want to serve a hot/cold meal or a shelf stable meal. The meal site will dedicate some time to required training, documentation, meal ordering and picking up.

Who Can Host a Meal Site for the Summer Food Service Program?

Meal Site hosts must be organizations fully capable of managing a food service program. To be a sponsor, you must follow federal and state regulations, and be financially and administratively responsible for operating a meal program. A meal site host will successfully integrate social, recreational, or educational activities into their SFSP meal programs.

Meal sites must be approved by the State of Texas Department of Agriculture and High Plains Food Bank Kids Cafe Department. Contact Maribel Sotelo at maribel@hpfb.org or by phone 806.350.1436 to receive more guidance.

What Is a Meal Site?

A site is the physical location, approved by the State agency (TDA), where program meals are served during a supervised time-period. Meal sites may serve meals at one or more sites.

Types of Meal Sites:

- **Open:** At least half the children in the area are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, or a physical location is deemed 'area eligible' based on census tract or block group data. All children are served at no charge.
- **Closed Enrolled:** At least half the children enrolled in an activity program are determined to be income-eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. All enrolled children are served at no charge.
- **Camp:** Offers a regularly scheduled food service as part of a residential or day camp program. Only eligible children may receive meals at no charge.
- **Migrant:** Primarily serves children of migrant workers. All children at migrant sites receive meals at no charge.

Meal service sites may include a variety of settings, including schools, recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, churches, community centers, libraries, day camps, residential summer camps, housing projects, migrant centers, or on Native reservations.