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Meals Available to Idaho Children with the 2024 Summer Food Service Program

(BOISE) – As Idaho students start their summer breaks, the Idaho Department of Education would like to remind families that Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meal sites are now operational. Families can locate the site nearest to them using the <u>USDA's meal service location finder.</u>

The Summer Food Service Program serves meals in areas of greatest need with food provided by sponsors who are reimbursed with federal funds for each meal that they serve. There are no income requirements, and children between the ages of 1 and 18 can receive balanced, healthy meals at no cost to them.

This summer, select rural meal sites will allow children to pick up their meals from the summer meal site and eat them offsite. When visiting the USDA's meal service location finder, any summer meal site marked as "rural non-congregate" (indicated with "RNC") will offer meals to be picked up and eaten offsite.

In the summer of 2023, more than 70 sponsors served over 750,000 meals and snacks at more than 250 sites across Idaho. Parents or students can visit the USDA's Find Meals for Kids map at <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids</u> and enter their address or zip code to find the summer meal site nearest to them. Families can also find the nearest summer meal site by texting FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304 or call the Idaho Care Line at 2-1-1.

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