

2022 Summer Food Service Program Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer Food Service Program



Food That's In When School is Out!

Welcome to Summer Food 2022!

Summer 2020 flowed into Summer 2021 and was both challenging and fulfilling for many sponsors. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) staff wish to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to help ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals during times of summer play and during times of emergency!

THANK YOU!!

The SFSP state team is privileged to witness the outstanding achievements and hard work of the following sponsors for the 2021 Summer Food Service Program: Ash Grove R-IV, Daviess County Library and Sherwood Forest. These achievements are shared in the newsletter.

The 2022 SFSP training will be provided as an online training **only**. See the last page of this newsletter for more details.

SFSP Success Stories

Ash Grove R-IV

Rita White, Ash Grove R-IV Food Director stated, “Thanks for letting us share our story with you. I am blessed to have 7 people willing to help fix and hand out 1,960 meals every week. We cooked, cooled, and packaged every Monday and we handed meals out on Tuesdays. It was such a treat to see the smiling faces of the parents and kiddos when they picked it up. I had myself, Rita White (food director), Debbie Vogel (Kitchen Manager), Perrie Ritter (cook), Ken Hyslip (cook), Sam Gonzales (dishwasher), Richard White (sub) and Patty Gonzales (para). There are so many kids that don't have a lot to eat when school is not in session so it truly is great to be a part of knowing they will eat.”



**Working hard
to get the job done!**



Putting the meals together for distribution.



Healthy food and big smiles!!

SFSP Success Stories

Daviess County Library



Photo submitted by Amy McMahon

Amy McMahon with Davies County Library stated, “Our SFSP has been very successful this year. At one of our sites we coordinated with a summer school program and did an activity with the kids before handing out lunches. The SFSP signage was colorful and bright, very visible letting people know what we were doing.”

At this site, children were able to make book selections before taking lunch home to eat.

Good food and good books, what a great combination for a great summer day!

SFSP Success Stories

Sherwood Forest

Charlie Tatum with the Sherwood Forest Camp stated,
“Greetings!

We’re thrilled to be included in your newsletter. The Summer Food Service Program is a great contributor to our programming.

This summer at Sherwood Forest Camp was unlike any other. After last year’s virtual experience, campers and staff were anxious to return to the campgrounds in Lesterville, MO. With the help of strategic Covid-19 guidelines, we were able to create a new sense of normalcy within our rural bubble. Camp goers once again enjoyed wilderness experiences like obstacle climbing, canoeing, and hiking. The Summer Food Service Program enabled us to provide meals to 198 campers and fueled days full of fun, outdoor activities. As their second summer home, Sherwood Forest dedicates itself to providing a healthy, safe, and inclusive environment for all youth to thrive in its programming and beyond.”



SHERWOOD FOREST



Photo submitted by Charlie Tatum



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SFSP Success Stories

Sherwood Forest Quotes From Campers and Staff

Alexia

“Camp is teaching me how to be a better person in the world.”

“I love being at camp because it gives me a way to go out of the city to where I can see the stars, the trees and the forest.”

Madisyn

“I think it’s important for kids to come to camp in the summer because after being here for 9 years I have grown a lot as a person. Like, when I was a younger kid obviously I was a lot more immature and not responsible, but being here I’ve learned to clean up after myself and do more to help people around me.”

“The counselors, they teach you how to be more responsible and cooperative. They work really hard to make sure you’re happy and everyone else around you is happy.”

Mila – former camper, current summer staff

“In all honesty, this is one of the best organizations I’ve been able to be a part of. I’ve been here for 13 years and I keep coming back. This is really a good place. It’s equitable, inclusive, it’s everything you want it to be as an organization.”



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2022 SFSP Sponsor Training

SFSP 2022 training is only offered via the **Summer Food Program Online Training (Modules 1-4)**. This training is required for both new and returning sponsors. New and returning sponsors must have at least one main staff member complete all four SFSP Training Modules. The four SFSP Training Modules are available now and can be found on the SFSP website at: <http://www.health.mo.gov/sfsp>.

Sponsor may also utilize this training and the SFSP training manual to train their additional sponsor staff.



If your organization would like to be featured next year, see your 2022 SFSP Orientation Manual for details.

Please check out our website for sponsor and site supervisor resources and guidance!

<https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/foodprograms/sfsp/resources.php>

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