



Summer Meals Newsletter

Upcoming USDA/Partner Webinars: Save the date!

Community Partnerships

Thursday, June 07, 2018
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST
Food and Research Action Center

Summer Meals at Nontraditional Sites

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
Share our Strength, No Kid Hungry

Middle of Summer Strategies

Thursday, June 14, 2018
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST
USDA, Food and Nutrition Service

Fostering Belonging through Physical Activity at Summer Meal Sites

Wednesday, June 20, 2018
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST
Food Research & Action Center

Using the Census Bureau 2018 Planning Database

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
U.S. Census Bureau



REMINDER:

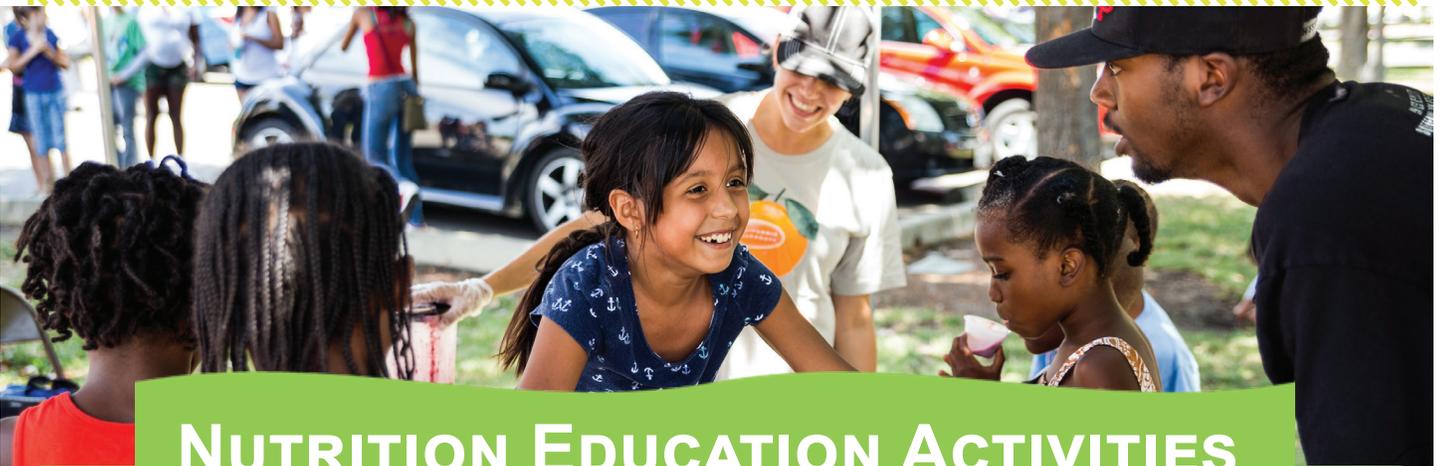
All sponsor applications must be submitted to the State agency by **June 15, 2018**. Note that your State may have earlier deadlines. You can view a list of State's deadlines [here](#).



Planning for Inclement Weather Conditions

All sponsors are required to have a contingency plan in place in case of inclement weather. The sponsors' plan could include:

- Partnering with a local community organization or civic center to use an indoor space as an alternative site
- Arranging tents for hot or rainy days as shelter in outdoor sites
- Notifying summer meal participants of any alternative site arrangements



NUTRITION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

A good practice for summer feeding sites is to create simple activities to engage children in conversation about meals and healthy foods. Some examples of activities include:

- Using the *Summer Food, Summer Moves* resource kit for activities designed to get kids and families excited about healthy eating and physical activity during the summer months. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/summer-food-summer-moves>
- Kids can be food critics too with this meal activity. In this fun game, kids can examine their food, taste it, and rate it like a food critic. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/kids-food-critic-activity>