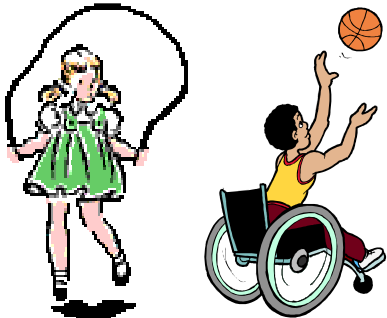
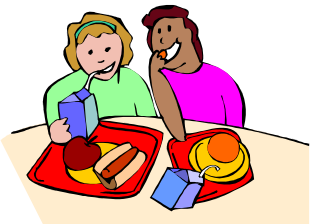


How Can I Get Started?

If you are interested in seeing that children in your community get free meals this summer, contact your state administrating agency at the address and telephone number listed below. The staff will be happy to provide you with additional information.

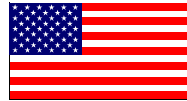
For basic information about the Seamless Summer Option, you can log on to USDA's website at:

www.summerfood.usda.gov



Everyone Wins with the Seamless Summer Option

- ☑ **All children** at seamless sites can get nutritious meals free during non-school months.
- ☑ **Children** have access to healthy eating, time to socialize and physical activity.
- ☑ **Schools** receive money to feed children and can offer a summer meals program without additional paperwork.
- ☑ **Cafeteria workers** and others in the community can be employed during non-school months.
- ☑ **Children return to school in the Fall ready to learn.**



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Food & Nutrition Service



Summer Meals for Children



Options for Schools:

Seamless Summer Option
Summer Food Service Program
Academic Summer School Meals

Do needy children in your area have enough to eat when schools are not in session?

The vast majority of needy children do not have access to nutritious meals like the ones they receive during the school year.

How can you help?

To feed children during the summer you have three options. You can choose between the:

- ❑ Summer Food Service Program (SFSP),
- ❑ Seamless Summer Option (SSO),
- ❑ National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) for your academic summer school.

By participating in any of these programs, you can provide nutritious meals to low-income children during summer months.

What is the Seamless Summer Option?

The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) is an option offered through your state agency.

To encourage school food authorities (SFAs) in needy areas to serve meals during non-school months, this option allows sites to claim all participating children at the free rate while continuing to operate the NSLP and the SBP. Schools who have participated in this option like it so much that they are recommending it to other schools.

Since the Seamless Summer Option provides a seamless transition from the school year into the summer months, it

makes serving meals during the summer months easier.

Who can sponsor the Seamless Summer Option?

With the approval of the state agency, public and non-profit private schools can sponsor feeding sites under the Seamless Summer Option.

What is a feeding site?

Sponsors may provide free meals at:

- ❑ Schools
- ❑ Parks and playgrounds,
- ❑ Community centers.
- ❑ Migrant sites and residential/non-residential camps
- ❑ Faith-based Organizations
- ❑ Non-profit private schools

In order for a site to be approved, at least 50% of the children in the area it serves, or 50% of its enrolled children, **must** be eligible for free or reduced price school meals. All children in the community must be able to attend or enroll in sites.

Most sites may serve up to **two meals daily**: breakfast, lunch or dinner, or snacks. **Camps and Migrant sites** may serve up to **three meals daily**.

How do I provide a meal service?

Most sponsors will follow the same method used during the school year. Meals can be prepared onsite, purchased from another district or from a commercial meal vendor.

How is the Seamless Summer Option financed?

Sponsors earn the “free” Federal reimbursement rate for each meal served. Rates change annually and new rates go into effect on July 1 each year.

SSO and academic summer school rates from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 are:

Reimbursement Rates Per Meal	Regular Rate	Bonus or Severe Need Rate
Breakfast	\$ 1.48	up to \$ 1.76
Lunch/Supper	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.79
Snack	\$.74	\$.74

The SFSP reimbursement rates for the summer of 2011 are:

For meals served at <i>rural</i> or <i>self-preparation</i> sites	
breakfast	\$1.8800
lunch/supper	\$3.2925
snack	\$0.7750
For meals served at <i>other</i> types of sites	
breakfast	\$1.8450
lunch/supper	\$3.2375
snack	\$0.7575

