



How can I participate?

Summer Nutrition Programs, including the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) allow sponsors to indicate on the site application if they intend to serve meals to children during the school year as a disaster or emergency meal site.

Here is how it works:

- During an emergency or disaster, the NC Department of Public Instruction exempts existing sponsors and SFAs from the requirement of submitting a prior application in order to serve meals as a response to unanticipated school closures. (7 CFR 225.14(a); SFSP Memorandum 14-2011).
- Area eligibility requirements still apply, however, eligibility may be waived under certain disaster situations. Contact your area Summer Nutrition Program Consultant to clarify site eligibility when the physical location is not area eligible. (SFSP Policy Memorandum 18-2014, May 19, 2014).
- Sponsors and SFAs shall provide nutritious meals that meet the meal pattern requirement, as practicable.
- Sponsors shall maintain adequate records to substantiate the meals claimed.
- Sponsors and SFAs may serve meals at either school or non-school sites, unless there is a safety concern.
- As soon as practicable after the emergency or disaster ends, sponsors and SFAs must contact their regional consultant, as listed on the NCDPI website:

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/programs/summer-nutrition-opportunities/sfsp-2016>



Plan for emergencies...

Ensure children continue good nutrition during unexpected school closures.

Summer Nutrition Programs





Prepare for emergencies before they occur so responses can be swift.

Emergencies

Schools may face unexpected closures due to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, floods, snow storms or other emergency situations. The **Summer Nutrition Programs** can help.

How can a sponsor participate in this component of the Program?

Organizations with current agreements to operate the Summer Nutrition Programs may be approved to open emergency meal sites for children (SFSP Memoranda 18-2014: *Disaster Response*, May 19, 2014 and 18-2016, September 9, 2016) during the school year if schools are closed (7 CFR 225.6(e)(1)(iii)).

Organizations should plan ahead by requesting prior approval during the application process to operate emergency meal sites for children during the school year.

When sponsors are pre-approved to operate emergency meal sites during unanticipated school closures, it ensures a rapid response when emergency situations arise.

Hunger does not stop during unexpected school closures!

Contact Your Regional Summer Nutrition Program Consultant

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