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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSOR SIGN UP BEGINS

Montgomery, Ala. - Many families depend on school meals to provide nourishment to their children during the school year. When school is out, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) fills the “nutrition gap” at feeding sites operated by approved sponsors.

WHAT IS THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)?

- The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is looking for organizations interested in becoming sponsors to provide, at no cost, meals for needy children during the 2016 summer. Participating organizations may be reimbursed for meals and snacks that meet USDA guidelines.

- The ALSDE encourages schools, parks and recreation programs, faith-based organizations, and other nonprofit organizations to offer meals through the Summer Food Service Program.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All children 18 years of age and under who come to an approved open site or to an eligible enrolled site may receive meals provided by SFSP sponsors.

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WHO CAN SPONSOR A SFSP?

- A public or nonprofit private school
- A public or nonprofit private residential summer camp
- A unit of local, municipal, county, or state government
- A public or nonprofit college or university
- A private nonprofit organization

Information can be obtained by contacting Alabama State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, at 334-242-8249 or by visiting www.BreakforaPlate.com.

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