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Follow the Pin Wheels to Free Summer Meals at the 2012 Vernonia Summer Meals Program

FACT: In Oregon, over 200,000 kids depend on free and reduced lunch during the school year. And during the summer only 19,000 actually have access to free and reduced meals offered by summer meal programs. That means 9 out of 10 students go hungry on a daily basis during the summer months. Further, in Vernonia, over 220 families depend on the Vernonia Food Bank to help augment their food pantry.

Again this year, in partnership with St. Helen's School District, Pioneer Baptist Fellowship and Vernonia Prevention Coalition, the Vernonia Summer Meal program will be providing meals for youth between the ages of 1-18yrs. These meals are free through the USDA summer meals program. In Vernonia, both breakfast and lunch will be served from June 18th-Aug. 17th. A success-

ful application was once again awarded by the Partners for Hunger Free Oregon. The funds will support the meal site hosted at the Vernonia Community Church: 957 State Street.

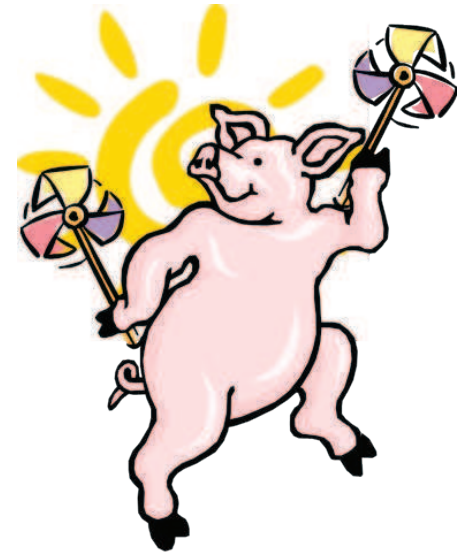
As an added bonus, the Vernonia Summer Meals Program has also been selected as a summer kick off site for Partners for Hunger Free Oregon. Only two sites are chosen for these kick off events. "The Vernonia Summer Meals Program is a great example of what partnerships can do to address the growing food insecurities in Oregon," states Rose Walker, Child Nutrition Outreach Specialist. "Last year they did an outstanding job in only their first year!"

On June 28th join us for a day of Fun, Food, and activities to celebrate Oregon's 2012 Summer Food Program. The event starts at 11:30. Everyone is

welcome!

A calendar of events is currently being planned between breakfast and lunch. Projects have been identified and put on the calendar: gardening, cooking, physical activities, library program and more. "The more opportunities we give our kids to explore their strengths, the higher the protective factors they develop to be more successful in their growing up years, states DeAnna Pearl, VPC Director. "It is all about reducing the risks they face every day, and increasing their potential by participating in healthy activities."

Families are welcome to come and participate in all activities. However, children under the ages of 10 need to have an older sibling, parent or guardian to supervise. The summer meals program will have volunteers available to help with meals and activities but the program is not set up to provide day care. Kids are free to come and go but the meal times are set in stone. "We can only provide the meals during posted times per the USDA food program requirements," comments Cathy Meyer, Summer Meals Coordinator. Parents and care providers are able to purchase meals while with their child: Breakfast \$1.50 and Lunch \$2.50.



If you are hosting a camp, activity, project or just a parent please feel free to contact us. Volunteers are always welcome. We also need groups to host an activity during the summer. Volunteer-



Vernonia Community Church - the new location of Vernonia Summer Meals Program.



ing is not necessary to feed your own or other children. Contact Nic Welch, VSMP Volunteer Coordinator, at (503) 369-6734. See you this summer!

Great American Bash Concert July 4th

July 4th Parade: 5 pm

Concert

Ticket Booth

Opens: 4:30 pm

Concert: 7:30 pm

Fireworks at Dusk

@ Vernonia Sport Fields

Food Vendors available

Jesse Cain

Contact
DeAnna Pearl
(503) 369-7370
Or
DeAnna@vernonia-or.gov

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Free Concert

Tickets: \$2 per person
\$5 per family

ALL monies collected go to Vernonia Youth Programs

Thanks for Your Support!

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1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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VERNONIA PREVENTION COALITION

5th Tuesday Community Coalition Meeting at the VCLC 6:30-8:00 PM

July 31st
October 30th

For more information contact:
DeAnna Pearl, VPC Director
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Summer Meal Program

"Follow the Pin Wheels to Free Summer Meals!"

New Location:
Vernonia Community Church
967 State Street, Vernonia Or

Breakfast	Scheduled Activity	Lunch
9-10	10-11am	12:00
Adults \$2.00		Adults \$2.50

Questions? Please contact:
Nic Welch (503) 369-6734
Or
Cathy Meyer (503) 429-8033

Volunteers Welcome
All REGISTERED volunteers & staff are provided a meal on the day they participate!

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