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Summer Meals Press Release

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Lunch is served!

Summer meals are in, when school is out.

Hunger does not take a summer vacation.

Join us for nutritious Summer Meals at no charge!

June 20-August 19 - This summer, children can enjoy lunches at no charge through the Summer Food Service Program, a federally funded nutrition program open to all kids aged 1-18 years. No applications are necessary to drop in and all children and teens are welcome. In addition to lunch, some sites offer breakfast and snacks to accompany a day of fun activities.

The Summer Food Service Program makes sure all children can eat healthy food during the summer months when they cannot eat at school. To make the program welcoming and accessible, meals are served at locations where kids congregate during the summer, such as playgrounds, summer schools, and community centers.

This program is meeting a real need in our communities. Approximately one in five children in Oregon are food insecure, meaning they have limited or uncertain access to safe and nutritious food. Children who are hungry or food insecure are more likely to be in poor health and less likely to form friendships, to be curious, and to learn. Summer meal programs can respond to this problem. Over 2 million nutritious meals were served last summer at more than 800 locations across Oregon. The meals, along with positive enrichment activities, help ensure kids return to school healthy and ready to learn.

Bring your children or tell a friend: To find a meal site near you, text "FOOD" to 877877 or call 1-866-348-6479 (1-866-3-HUNGRY) or visit www.Summerfoodoregon.org

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