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FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

The Community Action Agency of Winnebago and Boone Counties is pleased to announce that the Summer Food Service Program will be back again this year, helping to keep our area kids healthy and nourished so they can return to school in the fall ready to learn.

Those 18 years old and under can get free, healthy meals at supervised sites such as parks, churches, playgrounds, and community centers in Winnebago and Boone Counties. Depending on the site, a lunch, dinner, or snack will be provided. Some sites also provide supervised fun summer activities.

Only 4 in 10 of the eligible kids in our community actually participate in the Summer Food Service Program. Please spread the word to help us power up our kids for a happy and healthy summer!

To find a site, text "FoodIL" to 877877, visit SummermealsIllinois.org or call 1-800-359-2163. You can also check the Site list below to identify a neighborhood or go to <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/human-services/community-services/>

The Federal Summer Food Service Program is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education. The meals are provided by Quality Catering for Kids.

(list attached)

2020 Summer Food Program Based Sites for Winnebago and Boone Counties

Contact sites for details and schedule.

Rockford

Alpine Hills Park, 4402 Larson Ave.

Booker Washington Center, 524 Kent St.

House of Grace, 518 N. Court St.

Lockwood Park, 5201 Safford Rd.

St. Elizabeth Comm. Center, 1536 S. Main St.

Washington Park Recreation Center, 3617 Delaware St.

YMCA Swedish American Riverfront, 200 Y Blvd.

Northwest Comm. Cntr., 1325 N. Johnston Ave.

Patriots' Gateway Community Center, 615 S. 5th St.

Bloom Playground, 2901 Pelham Rd.

Highland Park, 3011 Rural St.

Keye Mallquist, 1702-11th St.

Ridge Park, 3317 Ridge Ave.

YMCA (Camp Winnebago), 5804 N. Main St.

Loves Park

Wantz Park, 600 Clifford Ave.

YMCA Northeast Branch, 8451 Orth Rd.

2020 Summer Food Grab and Go Sites for Winnebago and Boone Counties

Rockford

Community Action Agency, 612 N Church St. from 11:15-11:45

St. Elizabeth Community Center, 1536 S. Main St. from 12:00-12:30

YMCA-Swedish American Riverfront, 200 Y Blvd. from 11:00-12:15

Boone County

Boone County Health Dept., 1204 Logan Ave., Belvidere Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00-12:00.

Meals, which consist of one lunch and one snack, will be distributed on a first come first served basis. As a reminder, please adhere to social distance guidelines and stay a minimum of six feet apart while standing in line.

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