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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, on June 6, 2022 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)

2022 Summer Food Program Based Sites for Winnebago and Boone Counties

Contact sites for details and schedule.

Rockford

Alpine Hills Park, 4402 Larson Ave.
Beattie Playground, 1251 Rural St.
Bloom Playground, 2901 Pelham Rd
Blackhawk Boys & Girls Club, 330 15th Ave.
Booker Washington Center, 524 Kent St.
Community Life Center of Rockford, 1001 Bishop Washington Ave.
Elliott Playground, 1000 Mill Rd.
Fairground Valley Community Center, 609 Kilburn Ave.
Flodin Boys & Girls Club, 1000 Mill Rd.
Harkins Pool, 910 Acorn St. – Lunch only
Harmon Park, 1952 East Gate Parkway
Highland Park, 3011 Rural St.
Ken Rock Community Ctr., 625 Adams St.
Keye Mallquist Park, 1702 11th St.
Lewis Lemon School, 1993 Mulberry St.
Mandeville Park, 650 Montague Rd.
Northwest Com. Ctr., 1325 N. Johnston Ave.
Orton Keyes Community Center, 633 Ranger St.
Patriot's Gateway Community Ctr., 615 S. 5th St.
Ridge Park, 3317 Ridge Ave.
St. Elizabeth Com. Ctr. 1536 S. Main St.
Swan Hillman School Park, 3701 Greendale Ave.
Terry Lee Wells Memorial Park's Haskell Youth Summer Camp, 815 N. Rockton Ave.
United Way Strong Neighborhood House, 908 8th Ave.
YMCA Camp Winnebago, 5804 N. Main St.
YMCA Jr. Achievers Program, 1829 N. Rockton Ave.
YMCA – Outdoor Pavilion, 200 Y Blvd.
Washington Park Community Center, 3617 Delaware St.

Loves Park Sites

YMCA Northeast Branch, 8451 Orth Rd
Wantz Park, 600 Clifford Ave.

Machesney Park

Carlson Boys & Girls Club, 7406 Elm Ave.

South Beloit Site

South Beloit Boy's and Girl's Club, 1161 Dorr Rd., South Beloit IL

Boone County

Boone County Health Dept., 1204 Logan Ave., Belvidere Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Capron Lions Club 305 East North St. Monday Only

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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