

FAQ on Summer Eats Minnesota

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What is Summer Eats Minnesota?

It's a FREE mobile app that tells kids, and the adults in their lives, where and when they can get free summer meals in their communities throughout Minnesota. Powered by GPS, it shows locations of summer food sites, menus, and days and hours of operation. Kids up to age 18 can show up without prior signup or registration for free meals at locations, including parks, recreation and community centers, libraries and schools. The app shows the distance and directions to the nearest sites.

Where can you get the App?

Summer Eats Minnesota app is free at the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

Do you need to be connected to the internet to use the app?

Yes, the app requires internet to retrieve meal site details.

Who qualifies for free meals at these sites?

All locations on the Summer Eats Minnesota app are open to children up to age 18. No prior registration or sign-up is required.

Where are meal sites located?

Sites are located throughout the state at parks, recreation centers, libraries, community centers and schools. The Summer Eats Minnesota app will connect kids and their families to feeding sites near their homes or wherever they might be in the local community through a GPS function.

Who covers the cost of the meals and what meals are offered?

The USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides funding for meals in community eligible locations where there are high concentrations of low-income families. Meals include breakfast, snack, lunch, and supper. The app allows you to specify your search by meal, site name, address and city.

What is the next step for the App?

Continued functionality improvements; expansion to include toddler meals; statewide outreach including police and firefighters, social services agencies, community organizers; promotion at local festivals and events. We have more than 675 sites on the app and these sites are across the state. To date we have over 5300 downloads. Flyers and posters are now available in Spanish, Hmong and Somali.

How does a free open summer meals site get listed on the app?

The Minnesota Department of Education provides approved meal site information and the details are uploaded to the app daily. Each sponsor is asked to provide supplemental meal menus, a site photo and an optional contact phone number to info@hungerimpactpartners.org

What is Hunger Impact Partners? www.hungerimpactpartners.org

Hunger Impact Partners is a non-profit organization focused on breaking down barriers to access nutritious meals for Minnesota kids who struggle with food insecurity. In Minnesota, there are approximately 500,000 children who are regularly missing meals with only 20 percent participating in summer meal programs. We invest and support child nutrition programs with a network of

community partnerships through grants, technology solutions, awareness and promotion.