

SUMMER MEAL

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May 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

HEALTHY SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

[Approved Sites and Sponsors Summer Outreach Materials now available - Order Today!](#)

The Summer Meal Programs provide healthy and nutritious meals after the school year ends to children 18 years and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has developed no-cost, online resources and printed materials you can use to promote the availability of these meals for families in need. Make sure you are utilizing new materials this year. Please visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools to order no-cost, print materials today!

REMINDER: The old texting number is no longer valid. The new text line is 304-304. If you have leftover materials with any other texting number other than 304-304, they are old and must be recycled.

[Important: "And Justice for All" Poster Display Instructions](#)

Every summer meal site location **must** have the "And Justice for All" poster prominently displayed. For printing instructions, click [here](#).

[Coming Soon: New Applications Pages on SquareMeals.org](#)

In the next couple of months, you may notice changes on the TX-UNPS Bulletin Board. All application related updates currently posted on TX-UNPS will be transitioned to SquareMeals.org. Also, going forward there will be a new Applications page located under the **Summer Meal Programs** tab on SquareMeals.org. The new Applications page will contain useful information for current CEs regarding application deadlines, resources, and latest news updates. A direct link to the Applications page on SquareMeals.org will be placed on the TX-UNPS bulletin board for easy access.

Deadlines

[Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!](#)

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.



[Security Form FND-101 has been removed from SquareMeals](#)

TDA has fully transitioned to the User Access Manager for all entities and has removed the FND-101 form on SquareMeals.

Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders



[Administrative Reviews Notification](#)

Effective June 1, 2022, TDA F&N will no longer consider Administrative Reviews (ARs) due for review based on the program cycle and program requirements for cancellation/postponement due to COVID impacts. Please contact your local Education Service Center representative for technical assistance; you may also email Community_Ops@Texasagriculture.gov to request technical assistance.

[TDA to Request Waivers for Summer 2022 and SY 2022-2023](#)

Given that many nationwide waivers are set to expire in June or soon after the declared end of the Public Health Emergency, TDA is requesting from USDA the discretion to implement waivers this summer and next school year. If approved, these waivers are only expected to be used in cases where COVID-19 has affected operations; they are not meant to be used as part of standard operations throughout the Program Year.

[Civil Rights Training Migrating to ICN](#)

Effective May 15, 2022, the annual Civil Rights training that meets USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements as mandated in FNS Instruction 113-1 will be provided through the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) rather than TDA. New users must register with ICN, and ICN will issue completion certificates. Starting May 15, links to the online training and instructions for taking ICN classes can be found [here](#).

Monthly Highlights

[2022 Turnip the Beet Recognition Award](#)

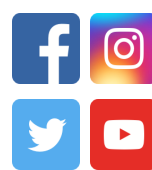
The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. For more resources, including 2022 Nomination Form, Turnip the Beet Resource Guide, and deadlines, visit TDA's Turnip the Beet page..



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