Events, Trainings and Resources

To learn more about the following events/activities, please visit www.SummerFood.org:

1. **School Lunch Hero Day 2022**
   - **Date:** May 6, 2022
   - **Objective:** To recognize and honor food service professionals who go above and beyond in providing nutritious meals and fostering a positive school environment.

2. **Registration for the NSLP Fall Farm Fresh Challenge**
   - **Date:** Now Open
   - **Objective:** Encourage School Food Authorities, schools, and community partners to register and participate in this initiative to support local suppliers and encourage healthy eating.

3. **School Food Authorities, schools, and community partners.**
   - **Date:** April 2022
   - **Objective:** Discuss and promote the importance of nutrition education and the benefits of healthy meals in schools.

4. **Team Nutrition is announcing the availability of new school breakfast resources for State agencies,**
   - **Date:** April 2022
   - **Objective:** Provide resources to help schools create a successful breakfast program.

5. **Transitional Standards Webinar Recordings Now Available!**
   - **Date:** April 2022
   - **Objective:** Offer insight into your experience when reading and receive the newsletter so we can make any needed improvements.

6. **policy updates and compliance reminders**
   - **Date:** Monthly
   - **Objective:** Keep your program up-to-date with the latest policies and regulations to ensure compliance.


**Official USDA National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program**

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) delivers posters and information cards to every school to assist schools in meeting the USDA’s requirements for net cash resources. These materials will be displayed on campus and the information cards must be distributed to each student immediately upon the shipment’s arrival. Click here for more information about this USDA requirement.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) delivered posters and information cards to every school. SquareMeals.org will be placed on the TX-UNPS bulletin board for easy access. For more information or to access the survey, please contact 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.

For those who missed the school call, all monthly school call webinar recordings can be found here. Register for the NSLP Fall Farm Fresh Challenge and pledge your participation today. The challenge is available here. To register, click here. Find More Information at: www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

**Monthly Highligts**

The Texas Department of Agriculture has developed no-cost, online resources and printed materials you can use to support Texas students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering good nutrition and fighting food insecurity. If you know any of these students spread the word and ask them to participate in the CSFP Summer Nutrition Assistance Program. For more information, visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

**Grant Opportunity**

Funding is available to assist Texas school districts in the development of policies that encourage healthy eating and physical activity. The deadline to apply for funding is May 31, 2022. For more information, visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

**Upcoming SFSP LIVE! Statewide Training!**

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 has developed no-cost, online resources and printed materials you can use to support Texas students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering good nutrition and fighting food insecurity. If you know any of these students spread the word and ask them to participate in the CSFP Summer Nutrition Assistance Program. For more information, visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

**Deadline for the March School Call Webinar**

The March School Call Webinar is scheduled for March 30, 2023. The deadline to elect CEP for SY 2022-2023 is June 30th. For more information, visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

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**Registration for the NSLP Fall Farm Fresh Challenge**

Pledge your participation today and help local Texas farmers and suppliers get the visibility they need to continue providing fresh, healthy foods to our children. For more information, visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

**School Lunch Hero Day 2022**

On Friday, May 6, 2022, we celebrate School Lunch Hero Day! Between preparing healthy meals for our students, many food service professionals face numerous challenges that can negatively affect their ability to provide nutritious meals. But with creativity, perseverance, and the support of their colleagues, these professionals continue to make a difference in the lives of those they serve.

**School Breakfast Week 2023**

School Breakfast Week 2023 will be held April 17–21, 2023. This year’s theme, “Breakfast Week at School: Good Nutrition for All,” is designed to highlight the importance of school breakfast and encourage students to choose breakfast meals that support their health and well-being.

**HART Applications Now Open**

Share with staff and students more details about the 2-day session and registration information here. The Texas Department has transitioned to a new online application system called Access Community Eligibility (ACE). The ACE online application form will not be available until April 15, 2023. To modify the ACE online application form, please contact your primary school food service provider.

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**Deadline for MegaCon Registration**

The MegaCon registration deadline is April 27th, 2023. For more information, visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.

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