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**North Carolina
Summer Meals**

SUMMER AWARDS 2024



Summer Nutrition Champion Awards



Farm to Summer



Going the Distance in Innovation



Rising Star



Rural Non-Congregate Innovation (NEW)



Superior Site

Farm To Summer Award



The Farm to Summer Award recognizes Summer Nutrition Programs that implemented Farm to Summer initiatives in their programs including serving locally grown, caught or raised foods and conducting agricultural and nutritional education activities.

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Going the Distance in Innovation Award



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Going the Distance in Innovation

Please congratulate the winners that will be present at SummerPalooza summits in Hickory and Greenville!

Iredell-Statesville Schools

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County



Going the Distance in Innovation

**GOING THE DISTANCE
IN INNOVATION AWARD**

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE COASTAL PLAIN**

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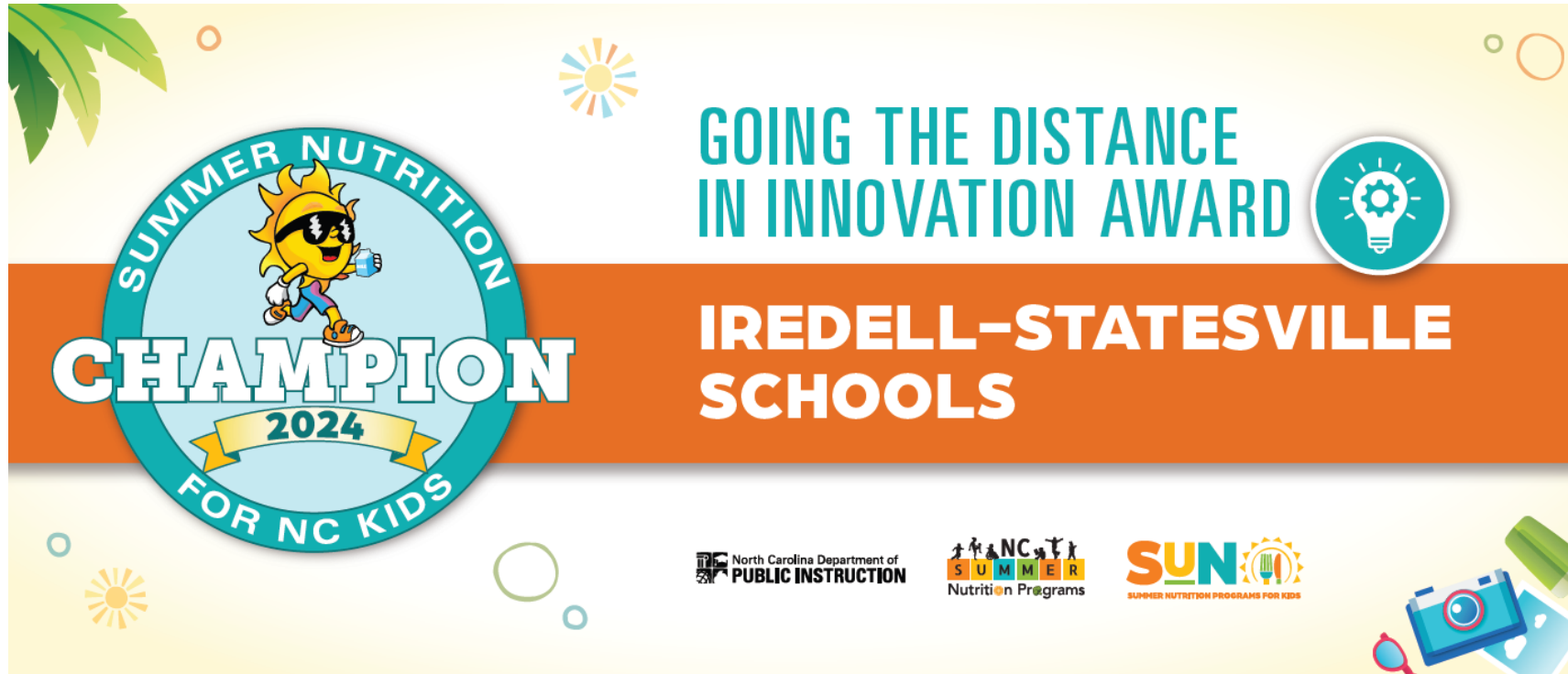
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Going the Distance in Innovation



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Tina Wilson

School Nutrition Director
Iredell-Statesville Schools





School Nutrition
Going the Distance in Innovation Award



We fed over 100 meals per day at the summer STEM camps. The students loved it!

“We are so very thankful for the “lunch ladies” who provided our campers with delicious and nutritious breakfast and lunch daily. Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal and pizza were among their favorites.” Dr. Debra Lester, ISS STEM Coordinator.

One of the STEM campers Catelyn Clark said, “Pizza day is fire!”

Summer Feeding June and July 2024

- 28 Camps
- 17 Sites
- 39 Days Served
- 30,798 Meals Served



**NCDPI | Office of School Nutrition
School Nutrition Update June 10-14, 2024**

“Honk If You See the New Iredell-Statesville Schools Food Truck! The Iredell-Statesville School Nutrition Department is very excited to announce the arrival of their new food truck. The food truck will allow the School Nutrition team to offer meals for field days at schools, local field trips, summer feeding camps, and special events. The food truck has been a dream of ISS School Nutrition Director Tina Wilson for the past 12 years. Dreams really can come true!”



ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW
IREDELL STATESVILLE SCHOOLS FOOD TRUCK



Services Provided by Iredell Statesville Schools Nutrition Department

Field Days at Schools

Local Field Trips

Special Events

Summer Feeding Camps

BOOK THE

IREDELL STATESVILLE FOOD TRUCK FOR YOUR EVENT

Contact Tina Wilson tcwilson@iss.k12.nc.us or call 704-873-2175

**“The food truck has
been my dream. Dreams
really can come true!”**

Tina Wilson School Nutrition Director

Rising Star Award



The Rising Star Award will be awarded to new Summer Nutrition Program sponsors who ran a superior first or second year of operation that included a menu with appealing, quality, nutritious meals, engaging, educational enrichment that promotes learning, fitness, and a healthy lifestyle, and strategies and/or partnerships to support participation.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain



Rising Star

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RISING STAR AWARD

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Rural Non-Congregate Innovation Award



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Beaufort County Schools

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

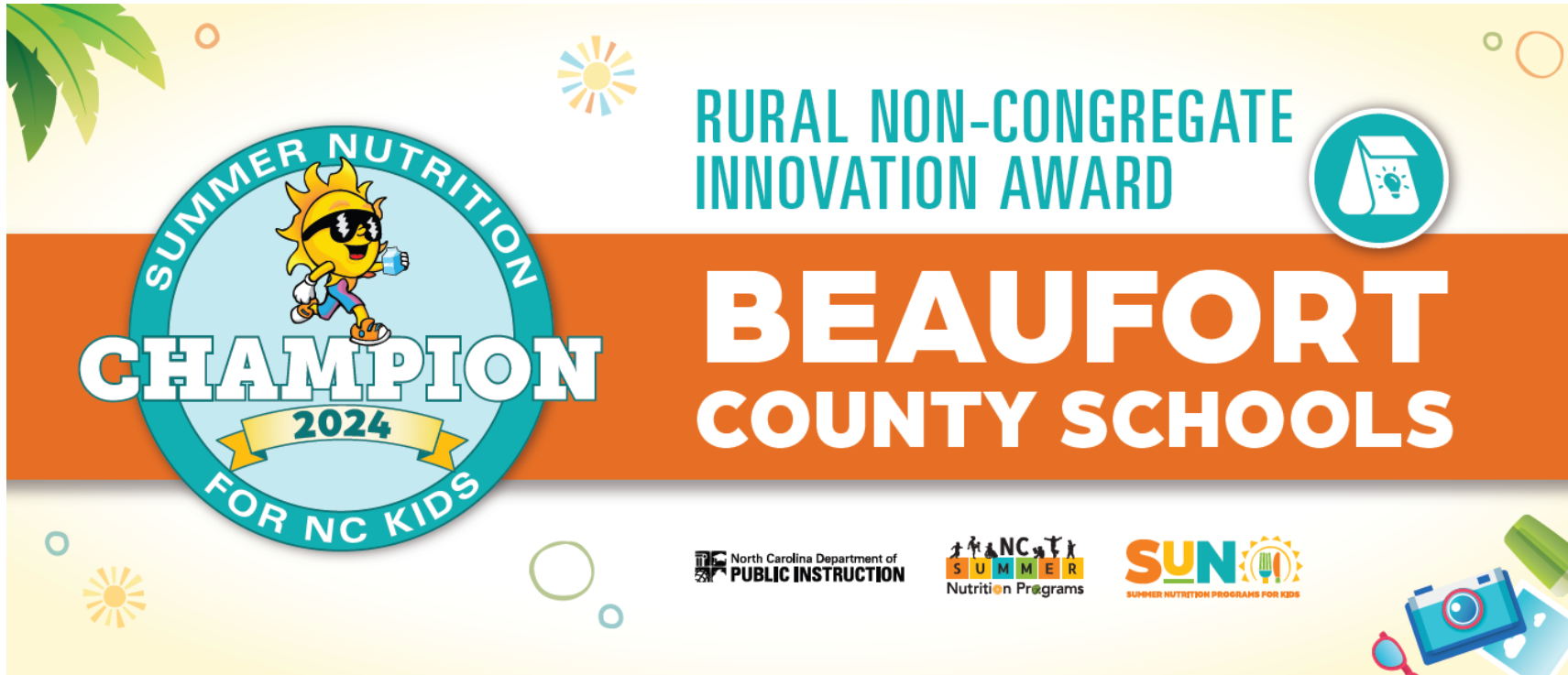
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YMCA of Southeastern NC



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ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools SFSP 2024

Non-congregate feeding





Site Information

- 19 Total Sites
- 1 Non-congregate – County Library, chosen for walking access, central location & activity attractions. Sent 5 day meal boxes Fridays, 10 meals.
- 9 Hybrid – School sites, sent weekend meals with students, 4 meals.
- 9 Congregate – Community



Menus

- Variety of fresh fruits & veggies served weekly.
- Healthy shelf-stable favorites feel like treats.
- Two-week rotating menu.

Fresh	Shelf-Stable
Apples Bananas Oranges Carrots Tomatoes Cucumber Celery	Jerky Cheese Doritos Seeds Applesauce Salsa Breakfast items PBJ Milk



Library Meals:

A total of 12,325 meals at the library in 7 Fridays!

**FREE SUMMER MEALS
FOR ELIZABETH CITY
PASQUOTANK COUNTY KIDS
AND TEENS ARE HERE!
Fridays June 14-July 26**

Free, healthy meals
for kids and teens
18 and younger!



#SUMMERMEALS4NCKIDS

Find your closest meal site:

- Text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304
- Or visit online at SummerMeals4NCKids.org

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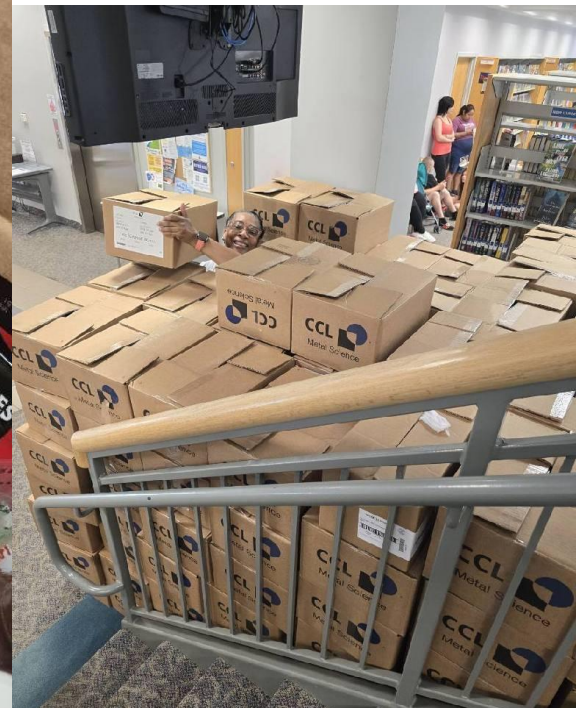


Summer Meals Partners:



- 1 Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and the Pasquotank Public Library have partnered together for summer meals!
- 2 No ID or registration needed! Gather with us for food, fun, and reading!
- 3 This summer, 5 day meal boxes will be served each Friday in the library:
June 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
Learn more at SummerMeals4NCKids.org

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Innovation

*First time community partnership!

*We joined with our library and planned fun, free activities at meal time, in an air-conditioned facility.

*Themed activities split for age groups.



ADVENTURE BEGINS AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!!

The image shows two promotional posters. The left poster is for 'Summer Reading 2024!' and lists various themed adventures. The right poster is for 'Summer Meals 4NC Kids' and provides information about free meals for children and teens.

Join us at the Library for Summer Reading 2024!!

ARE YOU READY FOR A SUMMER READING ADVENTURE!?!

- JULY 5 - ADVENTURES IN THE OCEAN
- JULY 12 - ADVENTURES AT THE BEACH
- JULY 19 - ADVENTURES ON THE WATER
- JULY 26 - ADVENTURES IN THE WETLANDS
- AUGUST 2 - ADVENTURES WITH WILDLIFE
- AUGUST 9 - ADVENTURES IN THE FOREST

PROGRAMS ARE AT 10:30 AM!
No registration required.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY LIBRARY
100 E COLONIAL AVE
ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27909
PHONE: (252) 335-2473
[HTTPS://WWW.PASQUOTANKCOUNTYNC.ORG/LIBRARY](https://www.pasquotankcountync.org/library)

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Are you looking for some fun summer activities? When searching for adventures this summer, look no further than the Pasquotank County Library!

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Whiteville City Schools School Nutrition

27 Sites

9 non-congregate mobile

1 non-congregate hybrid

18 congregate

School Nutrition Non-congregate sites were predominantly low income apartments where children had limited transportation to access open sites. The sites were chosen because the location could provide meals to multiple children at a central location in a short amount of time, allowing us the opportunity to cover as many sites as possible.

This allowed school nutrition to maximize the number of children that could receive the meals.

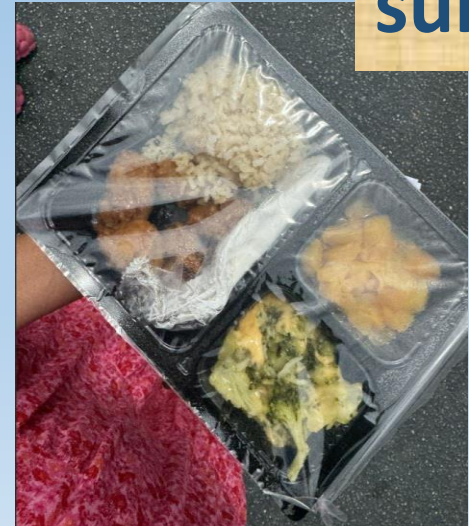
School Nutrition Meals

School Nutrition wanted to come up with a innovative way to reach our children in need. School Nutrition purchased a Food Truck with hot and cold holding, hand washing station, lights, service counter and service window and powered with a generator.



Meal Service

Non-congregate mobile sites were provided a hot meal and snack Monday-Thursday by our food truck, On Thursday the child also received a bundle with shelf stable meals (lunch and snack) for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. School Nutrition had a 3 week cycle menu for the summer.



The School Nutrition Food Truck was featured in an article in the local News paper.

A representative for the Carolina Hunger Initiative visited our program this summer. She went out on the non congregated route and took pictures and made several videos.

'Making a difference with every meal' City schools to use food truck for summer meals

By Joseph Williams
jwilliams@shelby.com

"There's a lot of kids out there, especially during the summer, that do not have the opportunity to eat," says Whiteville City Schools School Nutrition Services (SNS) Director James Gentry.

To combat this ongoing issue, the school district has pooled resources to purchase a food truck. The vehicle will be used to bring nutritious meals directly to school children, wherever they may be over the summer.

The 2020 Ford Transit Cutaway van cost \$34,000 and was funded by allocations from the School Nutrition Services and Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funding. The bus portion was designed by Charlotte-based food truck manufacturing company Bit on Wheels.

Gentry expects that the vehicle will take only two people to operate, but more staff may accompany the team depending on how many people are to be served at a given site.

Even though SNS has been offering its Summer Food Service Program since 2008, this new vehicle "will make it easier" to get food in where it ought to go and will "ensure a hot better quality and proper temperatures for food," said Gentry.

Increasing access and ensuring quality

While SNS has been considering purchasing such a vehicle for some time, the COVID-19 pandemic served as further motivation, explained Gentry.

Unlike previous vehicles that had been used, this model is outfitted with specially designed storage facilities that can keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. This will not only make for better quality meals for school-age children, but will also not have to be cooked or reheated.



From left to right, School Nutrition Services (SNS) Supervisor Patricia Slater, Whiteville City Schools Superintendent Marc Whichard and SNS Director James Gentry stand beside the newly acquired School Nutrition Services food truck.

With concerns about how to safely distribute food to school children as well as usual summer program attendance during vacations, staff had to physically transport food into the communities themselves.

However, meals had to be transported over long distances in vehicles that were not designed for food storage. If cold foods got above a certain temperature or if hot foods got below a certain temperature, they would have to be thrown away. That won't be an issue with this vehicle, said Gentry.

The new food truck is a "great tool for us as our community," said Superintendent Marc Whichard. "This will be an instrumental part of our summer learning programs."

And it's not just school officials who are excited about the food truck. Other community leaders are enthusiastic about the acquisition as well. Julie Strickland, director of the Catherine Cannon Park and Rec-

reation Department, has partnered with the Summer Food Services Program since its inception and is an enthusiastic supporter of the program. "Having fresh, hot, nutritional meals with fresh vegetables and fruit or shelf-stable snacks for all children ages 1-18 is such a great asset for Columbus County," she says.

Child food insecurity in Columbus County

According to the nonprofit Feeding America, 20.1% of children in North Carolina struggle with food insecurity, defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as "a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food." This statewide average is higher than the nationwide average of 17%.

Columbus County children seem to be in an especially precarious position when it comes to access to adequate food. Based on a report

from the Public School Forum of North Carolina, Columbus County ranks 90th out of 100 counties in terms of child food insecurity, with a rank of 1 meaning most secure and a rank of 100 meaning least secure.

Besides acute hunger, the *scientific journal Health Affairs* finds that chronic food insecurity is associated with increased risks of anemia, birth defects, worse oral health, poorer general health and behavioral problems such as aggression, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts.

That's why, says Gentry, "Every meal makes a difference."

How to participate

The food truck service will begin in June. Gentry says that for people 18 and younger, meals will not cost anything. Anyone 19 and older who would like to have a meal can purchase one for \$5.00.

The program offers a variety of options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack.

Organizations can schedule up to two meals a day of any combination of the four mentioned above, with the exception of lunch and dinner because these are the same meals, Gentry explained.

In addition to the new food truck service, the Summer Food Service Program will be resuming its usual on-site services at each of the four campuses in the Whiteville City Schools system.

Examples of food offered by the program include banana bread, juice and milk for breakfast; baked spaghetti, yellow corn, chicken and milk for lunch and dinner; and peanut butter, graham crackers and fruit juice for a snack.

Individuals or organizations interested in scheduling these services are invited to call Gentry at 813.421.2233.

(Access the videos and pictures from the visit)

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Whiteville City Schools Summer Food Service Program 2024

With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children eating healthy while school is out. Whiteville City Schools provides free meals to children during the summer. Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like Whiteville City Schools to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. Any child under the age 18 may come and eat.

AVAILABLE TO: All children between the ages of 1 year and 18 years of age who go to an approved open site during meal service times.

SUMMER LOCATIONS:

WALK-IN SITES: Meals will be served

EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY -- Monday-Thursday-June 17-August 1, 2024 (Closed July 1-4, 2024)

TIMES: 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (breakfast) -- 11:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. (lunch)

MOBILE STOPS: GRAB AND GO!!!!

MEALS WILL BE SERVED - MONDAY-THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2024-AUGUST 1, 2024 (Not operating July 1-4, 2024)

HOLIDAY MOTEL - 10:15 am

WHITEVILLE HOUSING - 1:05 pm

COVEY RUN - 10:25 am

COPPERSTONE - 1:30 pm

KENT PLACE - 10:45 am

SAWMILL - 1:45 pm

BROOKBERRY APTS - 12:45 pm

School Nutrition will be offering mobile meals at locations near you. The locations will be posted on the Whiteville City Schools School Nutrition website with approximate arrival times.

BECOME AN OPEN FEEDING SITE: Your community building or place of faith could become a feeding site. Sites are the physical locations where food is served. Each site location must work with the Summer Food Service Program Sponsor, Whiteville City Schools.

POTENTIAL SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SITES:

1. Recreational Programs
2. Community summer programs and events
3. Bible schools
4. Whiteville City School Cafeterias
5. Enrichment programs

MEALS: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and/or snack: nutritionally balanced meals are served at no cost to children.

PARTICIPANT TRAINING: One-hour training sessions offered on multiple dates, locations and ongoing throughout the SFSP operation dates TBD.

Contact: Whiteville City Schools Nutrition Services

School Nutrition Director: Jamesie Gentry - 910-641-6429

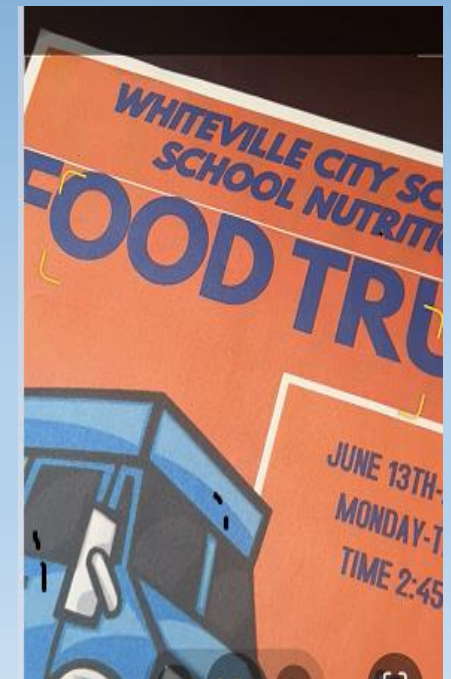
School Nutrition Supervisor: Patricia Slater - 910-641-6430

107 West Walter Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

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WCS-School Nutrition worked hard to spread the word. We ran advertisements in the local paper, distributed posters and flyers, and posted sites on School Nutrition Website



Superior Site



The Superior Site Award honors an SFSP or SSO Sponsor and site representative that operated an open site that went above and beyond to gain and maintain participation from the children and local community.

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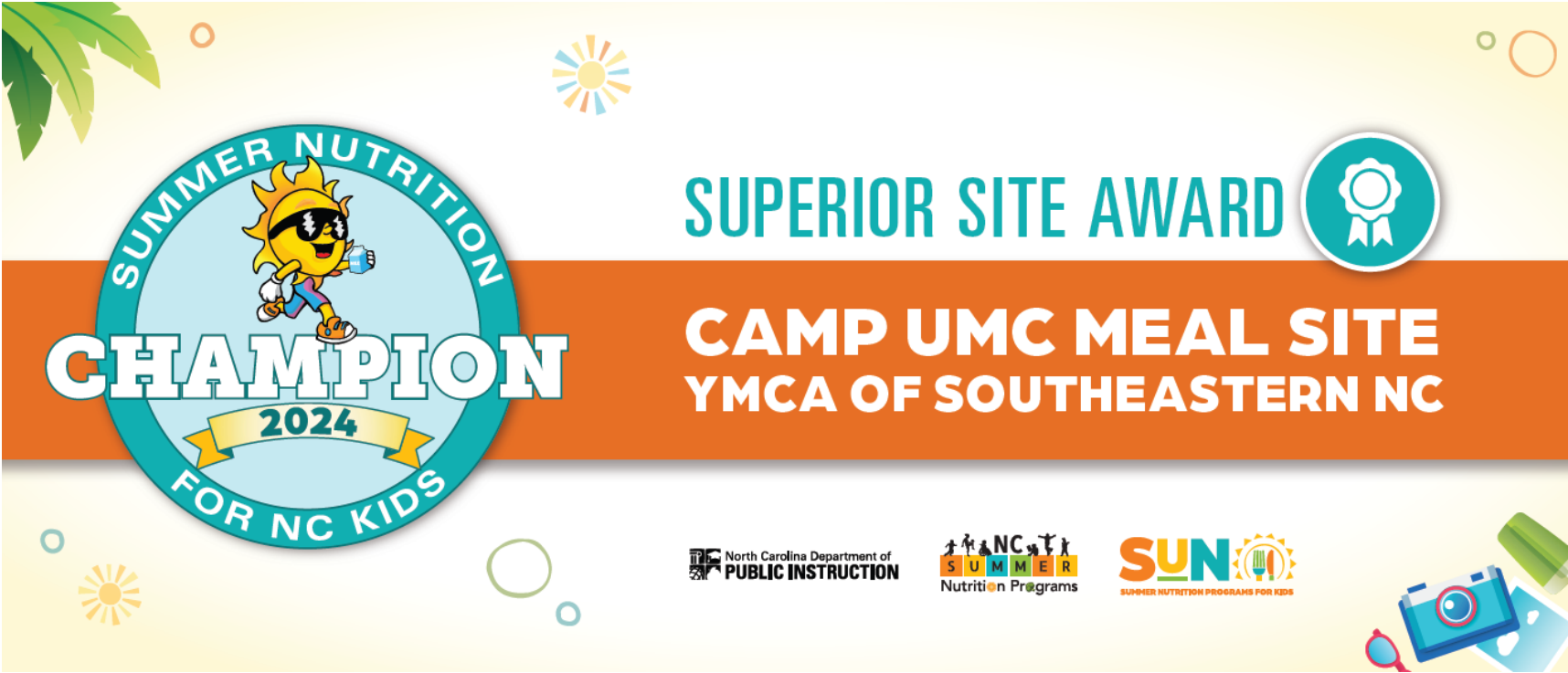
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Turnip the Beet Award

Who is eligible and how do they apply?

- All Summer Meal Programs sponsors in good standing may be eligible
- The nomination must include a completed Nomination Form and a detailed one-month menu. The Nomination Form is available on the USDA-sponsored **Turnip the Beet** webpage <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>.



How are nominations evaluated?

- Nominations must clearly illustrate how the meals are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. The Nomination Form includes short-answer questions and menu criteria based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The criteria include serving local foods, a variety of vegetables and fruit, whole grains, and low-fat and fat-free milk.

What are the prizes?

- Three award levels are available: gold; silver; and bronze. All winners will receive a certificate and will be featured on the **Turnip the Beet** webpage.

Please congratulate all Turnip The Beet Nominees

Beaufort County Schools

Catawba County Schools

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

Halifax County Schools

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County

Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC

YMCA of Southeastern NC

Turnip The Beet Nominee



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

2024 SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS

USDA "TURNIP THE BEET" NOMINEE

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Turnip The Beet Nominee



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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**ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Turnip The Beet Nominee



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USDA "TURNIP THE BEET" NOMINEE

HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS

Turnip The Beet Nominee



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USDA "TURNIP THE BEET" NOMINEE

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS
OF WAKE COUNTY**

Turnip The Beet Nominee



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FOOD BANK OF
CENTRAL AND EASTERN NC

Turnip The Beet Nominee




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CATAWBA COUNTY SCHOOLS



Caren Berrier

School Nutrition Director
Catawba County Schools





Turnip the Beet

Rural Meal Feeding Locations





Menu, Logistics, and Staffing

- Menus – were built around our NSL & NSB program to minimize procuring new items and supplies.
- Logistics – Placement of rural feeding locations were based on previous bus routes and equitable access for the community, yet strategically placed to aid the integrity of our program.
- Staff members – worked extremely hard to provide meals to their community in a positive safe manner, which is the reason why I wanted to apply for the Turnip the Beet award. They were the heart of the program.
 - Staff members receive their regular rate of pay during the summer, yet managers work 6 hours and assistants work 4 hours a day, Monday – Thursday.
 - All staff members participated in rural meal training to understand the process.



Menu

- Like items were packaged together and placed in a T-shirt bag to expedite meal service.
 - Freezer items in one bag, cooler items in another, room temperature in another.
- Menu Improvements for 2025:
 - Procure bulk containers of milk for easier distribution & reduce cooler space for patrons.
 - Create a two week menu cycle to reduce menu fatigue.

Rural – Bulk Meals

Summer 2024 Menu

Breakfast:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Entrée	Fruit Filled Pastry	Breakfast Muffin	Cereal Bowl Pak	Sweet Roll	Breakfast Bread
Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk

LUNCH:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Entrée	Chef Salad w/Deli Meal and Crackers	PB&J w/Cheese Stick	Hamburger/Cheeseburger	Prepackaged Sandwich	Pizza Munchable Flatbread Mozzarella Cheese
Vegetable	Included in Salad	Vegetable Medley	Corn	Vegetable Medley	Marinara
Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk	1% Unflavored Milk

Logistics

- Sites were strategically selected based on location, so that folks cannot pick up at two meal sites.
- We served meals on the same day to simplify integrity process.
- Bus locations were in close proximity to production kitchen to maintain proper holding temperatures and to back up meals if necessary.
 - Buses with ramps helped ease distribution process.
- School sites used the school's car rider lines to distribute meals and ice cream/ milk boxes boxes were moved outside to hold freezer/ cooler items.

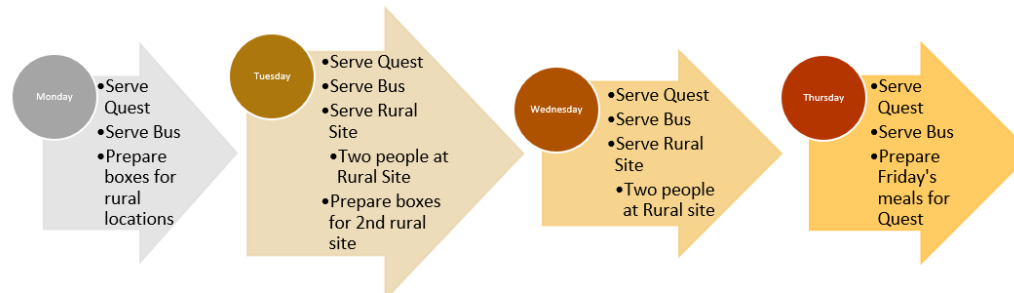


Training Staff

- Staff were provided flow charts and labor sheets to help create a strategy for their specific operation; in addition, to frontline training.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FLOW CHART
 Rural Sites – June 10th – August 14th
 (Meal times 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)



Startown	
May 28 – June 27	July 8 – Aug 15
Leo Morton -MGR	Leo Morton
Nancy Johnson	Nancy Johnson
Shannon Martin	Shannon Martin
Donna Beiner	Donna Beiner
Melody Laws - Food Bus/monitor	Melody Laws - Food bus/ monitor
Doris Propst	Doris Propst
Wendy McRary	Wendy McRary
Sharon Sanders - Food bus/ monitor	Sharon Sanders - Food bus/ monitor

Training Participants

- The communications officer sent text messages, emails and telephone announcements to parents before the program started.
- We posted how the program works on line, as well, to help participants understand how the program works.
- Staff were to provide additional education, when necessary.

CATAWBA County Schools

Summer FEEDING PROGRAM

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES!

STARTING JUNE 10

• Two programs to ensure your children have the meals they need!

Where

Blackburn Elementary
Catawba Elementary
Lyle Creek Elementary
St. Stephens Elementary
Snow Creek Elementary
Startown Elementary

Dates

JUNE 10-AUGUST 15
Families may pick up a meal at any of these sites **MONDAY-THURSDAY**. Meals **MUST** be eaten onsite!
Breakfast 7:30-8:30 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Site Info

Meals are provided on a daily basis to remain in compliance with the US Dept. of Agriculture's rules and regulations. The USDA states a school must be an area that provides meals at no cost, which depends on meal recipient percentages. CCS makes every effort to open as many sites as possible to accommodate families.

Rural Sites

Banoak Elementary (Wed)
Fred T. Foard High School (Tues)
Balls Creek Optimist Park (Tues)
Hickory Bible Church (Wed)
Catawba Elementary (Tues)
Bunker Hill High School (Tues)

Dates

Families may pick up a meal consisting of 5 breakfasts and lunch meals, on the designated pick-up day from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.
Tuesday-Hickory Bible Church, Fred T. Foard High School, Catawba
Wednesday-Balls Creek Optimist, Banoak

Site Info

Sites are eligible based on their location. All Rural Sites must be submitted into the USDA mapping tool to verify qualification. The Dept. of Public Instruction/School Nutrition Services grants the CCS School Nutrition Dept. permission to operate these sites. Sites in the St. Stephens feeder are NOT ELIGIBLE for weekly pick-ups per the USDA. BUT we do have bus sites. Visit our webpage for more information.

VERANO

PROGRAMA ALIMENTARIO

¡SERVIENDO A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD!

COMENZANDO JUNIO 10

• ¡Dos programas para garantizar que sus hijos tengan las comidas que necesitan!

Dónde

Blackburn Elementary
Catawba Elementary
Lyle Creek Elementary
St. Stephens Elementary
Snow Creek Elementary
Startown Elementary

Fechas

JUNIO 10 - AGOSTO 15
Las familias pueden recoger una comida en cualquiera de estos sitios **LUNES - JUEVES**. Las comidas **DEBEN** consumirse en el lugar.
Desayuno 7:30-8:30 AM
Almuerzo 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Info del lugar

Las comidas son provistas diariamente para mantener el cumplimiento con los reglamentos y regulaciones del Dept. de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA). La USDA solo permite que la escuela de su área sea elegible para proveer comidas libre de costo, lo cual depende en el porcentaje de solicitante de comida. CCS se esfuerza en abrir la mayor cantidad de lugares accesibles a las familias.

Sitios Rurales

Banoak Elementary (Mié)
Fred T. Foard High School (Mar)
Balls Creek Optimist Park (Mié)
Hickory Bible Church (Mar)
Catawba Elementary (Mar)
Bunker Hill High School (Mar)

Fechas

Las familias pueden recoger una caja de comida **UN DÍA** a la semana, consistiendo en 5 desayunos y almuerzos, en el día de recibo designado, en el de 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.
Martes-Hickory Bible Church, Fred T. Foard High School, Catawba
Miércoles-Balls Creek Optimist, Banoak

Info del lugar

Los sitios son elegibles basados en su ubicación. Todos los sitios rurales deben ser sometidos en la herramienta de mapeo de la USDA para verificar su calificación. El Dept. de Instrucción Pública/Servicios de Nutrición Escolar otorga el permiso de operación de estos sitios. Los sitios en el área de alimentación de St. Stephens **NO SON ELIGIBLES** para recoger semanalmente según la USDA. PERO sí tenemos sitios de autobuses. Visite nuestra página en línea para más información.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2.fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3.email:

Program.Intake@usda.gov

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