



Picnic in The Park

a program of The Idaho Foodbank

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From June to August, five days a week, children in low-income neighborhoods enjoy a nourishing lunch and educational or physical activity at a convenient location such as a community park or their housing complex.

Hunger Doesn't Take A Summer Vacation

The Idaho Foodbank is a sponsor of USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that provides free summer meals to children ages 1-18. For children from families who are at or below poverty, the summer lunch program fills an important nutrition gap when school meals are not available. In addition to a nutritious meal, The Idaho Foodbank enlists volunteers from the community to provide enrichment activities and nutrition information to program participants. Volunteers range from single individuals to groups from various organizations. All volunteers are required to complete a background check.

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Solving Childhood Hunger SUMMER 2016

46,247

meals served from
June to August

26

summer feeding locations
in the Boise-metro area

49

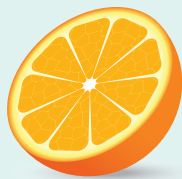
summer feeding days

1,112

children served
over the summer



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MONDAY: Turkey and Cheddar Thin Sandwich, Carrots, Apple Slices, Milk

TUESDAY: Jamwich, String Cheese OR Yogurt, Whole Banana (petite), Juice box, Milk

WEDNESDAY: (Breakfast For Lunch!) Muffin with Yogurt, and Sunflower Seed Kernels, Whole Oranges, Carrots, Milk

THURSDAY: Tuna and Crackers, Celery, Apple Slices, Milk

FRIDAY: Jamwich, String Cheese OR Yogurt, Whole Orange, Grapes, Milk



We like the healthy food. It's just one meal a day, but it really helps us stretch our food budget.

- Mother, Borah Park



My kids love the lunch and the activities - especially the library days.

- Mother, Winstead Park



I like all of the fruit things, but my little brother likes the sandwiches best.

- Child, Redwood Park



We had a mother tell us she applied for library cards for her kids, because of the experience they had at Picnic in the Park. That's a success in our book.

- Partner, Literacy in the Park



The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1984, and is the largest distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. From warehouses in Boise, Lewiston and Pocatello, the Foodbank has distributed more than 151 million pounds of food to Idaho families through a network of more than 230 community-based partners. These include rescue missions, church pantries, emergency shelters and community kitchens. The Foodbank also operates direct-service programs that promote healthy families and communities through good nutrition.



For additional information about the Backpack program, visit our website:
idahofoodbank.org/programs/picnic-in-the-park/

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