



# Picnic in The Park

a program of The Idaho Foodbank

IMPACT REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2017



Together,  
we can solve  
hunger.

*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 2017

42,740

meals served from  
June to August

25

summer feeding locations  
in the Boise-metro area

49

summer feeding days

1,144

children served  
over the summer



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## MONDAY:

Jamwich, string cheese,  
carrot, apple slices, milk

## TUESDAY:

Muffin, hard boiled egg,  
orange, grapes, milk

## WEDNESDAY:

Turkey and cheddar, banana,  
apple slices, milk

## THURSDAY:

Yogurt, sunflower seeds, pretzels,  
orange, grapes, milk

## FRIDAY:

Tuna, crackers, carrots,  
juice box, milk



## Making It Fun for Everyone

Enrichment activities are provided by a wide range of community organizations and entities including:

- Boise Parks and Recreation
- Boise Bike Project
- BSU Broncos
- Delta Dental,
- Eat Smart Idaho,
- Boise Urban Gardens (BUGS)
- Sletten Construction
- YMCA Safe Routes to Schools
- Boise Library Commission
- Boise Fire Department
- Boise Police Department



It helps me knowing when I'm  
at work they are here eating a  
good lunch and having a story  
or something fun.

- Mother, Redwood Park



My mom lets me and my sister  
come every summer because  
it's fun and I like the food.

- Child, Ivywild 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 distributes around 1.5 million pounds of food each month through a network of more than 400 community partners. These include schools, food pantries, emergency shelters, feeding sites, and senior centers. 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](http://idahofoodbank.org/programs)

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