



# Picnic in The Park

a program of The Idaho Foodbank

IMPACT REPORT

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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.*

## Solving Childhood Hunger

SUMMER 2019

**35,860**

meals served from June to August

**19**

summer feeding locations in the Boise-Metro area

**49**

summer feeding days

**976**

children served over the summer

### 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 the poverty level, 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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- MONDAY:** Jamwich, string cheese, mandarin orange cup, applesauce, milk
- TUESDAY:** Muffin, hard-boiled eggs, apple slices, grapes, milk
- WEDNESDAY:** Turkey and cheddar sandwich, banana, applesauce, milk
- THURSDAY:** Yogurt, sunflower seeds, graham crackers, apple slices, grapes, milk
- FRIDAY:** Tuna, pretzels, applesauce, juice box, milk

"I just really like free lunch because there are usually good things to eat like the turkey sandwiches and fruit and juice. I like that it's by the play camp at Winstead so we don't have to walk very far."

- Child Participant



"We have enjoyed lunch in the park. Please keep it up. It is nice and convenient. We look forward to exercise on the way up to the park. The people are very nice who hand the food out."

- Parent



"We love it! This program really helps us be able to afford things we need like to fix our car and such. Also, the people are so nice and understanding of us and our situation. Thank so much!"

- Parent



## About The Idaho Foodbank



The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1984, and is the largest distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. In its 35-year history, The Foodbank has distributed millions of pounds of food through its facilities in Boise, Lewiston, and Pocatello. In the last fiscal year, The Foodbank provided food for nearly 17 million meals to Idahoans in need. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 400 community-based partners including schools, food pantries, senior centers, feeding sites, shelters, and churches. Recognizing the crucial connection between hunger and health, The Idaho Foodbank focuses on healthy food options and partners with community programs to promote nutrition education and healthy living.

Visit [www.idahofoodbank.org](http://www.idahofoodbank.org) for more information.

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