



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Summer Food Service Program, a federal program of the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.), provides nutritious meals to preschool and school age children during the summer months. In this program, all meals are served free. The opportunity for your child to receive nutritious meals and snacks from the Summer Food Service Program should not be missed. Sound nutrition plays an important role in a child's physical and educational development.

**Eligibility:** your cooperation is vital to qualify your child for this program. Public Law 97-35 requires documentation of eligibility of children in certain types of Summer Food Service Programs. In order to be eligible for this funding, Trail Blazers must maintain record of family size and income of ALL participants. The Income Eligibility Scale for reduced price meals is included in this letter for your information. If your income is less than or equal to these reduced price standards, your child is eligible for free meals from the Summer Food Service Program which means increased reimbursement for Trail Blazers and increased nutritional benefits for your child.

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008  
**FAMILY SIZE/INCOME SCALE  
 FOR FREE MEALS**

(as announced by the United States Department of Agriculture)

SCALE IS BASED ON GROSS INCOME BEFORE DEDUCTIONS

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE MEALS		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	18,889	1,575	364
2	25,327	2,111	488
3	31,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	859
6	51,079	4,257	983
7	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	63,955	5,330	1,230
Each additional family member	+6,438	+537	+124

A FOSTER CHILD who is the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or court may receive free Summer Food Service Program meals regardless of your household income. A FOSTER CHILD'S PERSONAL USE INCOME is defined as follows:

1. Funds received from a welfare agency which can be identified for personal use of the child. Where funds provided by the welfare agency are specified by agency, i.e., funds for shelter and care; special needs funds; and funds for personal needs such as clothing, school fees, allowance, etc, only those funds that can be identified as personal use funds shall be considered as income.
2. Money received in hand from any source. This includes, but is not limited to, funds received from trust accounts, monies provided by the child's family for personal use and earnings from employment other than occasional or part-time (e.g., paper routes, baby-sitting).

Write "0" if the FOSTER CHILD has no PERSONAL USE INCOME.

**Nondiscrimination Statement:** The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture. It is operated in accordance with U.S.D.A. policy, which does not permit discrimination because of race, color national origin, disability, age or sex in the meal service, admissions policy, ability to pay or use of the Summer Food Service Program facility. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A related facility should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Please help maintain quality nutrition on a regular basis for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please call Elena Crotty at (212) 529-5113, ext. 204

Thank you,

Elena Crotty