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Free meals available to youth *Search for food service sites online*

PIERRE, S.D. – Organizations across South Dakota are serving free meals to the state’s youth this summer, as part of the Summer Food Service Program. Children age 18 and younger may receive a meal free of charge at participating sites, which include organizations such as nonprofits, schools, libraries and local governments.

The Summer Meal Site Finder is a free, web-based application that allows users to easily locate summer food sites throughout South Dakota as well as across the country. The tool can be accessed at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>.

When school is in session, approximately 61,000 South Dakota students receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program. The Summer Food Service Program provides food service to students when school is not in session. Last summer, South Dakota’s Summer Food Service Program sponsors served 428,883 meals.

The Summer Food Service Program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered by the South Dakota Department of Education. This agency is an equal opportunity provider.