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## **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSORS SOUGHT**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Sponsors are being sought and training has been set for the 2014 [Summer Food Service](#) Program (SFSP).

The SFSP provides nutritious meals to children – without regard to race, color, national origin, age (within statutory limits), sex or disability – from May until September when schools are not in session. Meals and snacks are served to children in such places as churches, parks, playgrounds and schools.

Public or private non-profit schools; units of local, municipal, county or state governments; and public or private non-profit agencies may qualify as sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program. Residential summer camps whose enrollment includes needy children may also act as program sponsors.

Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for program operating and administrative expenses based on the number of eligible meals served. To be eligible, sponsors must:

- provide continuing service to the community
- serve meals on a regular schedule to children or provide meals as a part of an organized program for enrolled children at camps
- show they are financially and administratively capable of operating the program

Three training sessions for the 2014 SFSP are scheduled for new and private non-profit sponsors.

### **Sessions for Traditional Sponsors**

**(school districts, private non-profit organizations and government agencies)**

**March 4** – The Corbin Center for Technology and Community Activities, 222 Corbin Center Drive, Corbin, KY 40701

**March 6** – Western Kentucky University, Knicely Conference Center., 2355 Nashville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101

**March 11** – Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero St., 23rd Floor Training Room, Frankfort, KY 40601

**March 13** – Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero St., 23rd Floor Training Room, Frankfort, KY 40601

### **Sessions for Camps and Colleges**

**February 26** – Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero St., 23rd Floor Training Room, Frankfort, KY 40601

### **Online Training Modules for Returning Sponsors**

**March 2014**

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Each session begins at 9 a.m. local time and will end no later than 4 p.m. local time. Interested participants may pre-register for the live trainings by going to: <https://cnips.education.ky.gov/cnips/>. Find "Training Registration" under the Links section on the left side of the page.

In addition to the Traditional Summer Food Service Program, school districts currently participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) have the option to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The Seamless Summer Option is an alternative to the traditional summer program that relieves many of the administrative burdens for experienced school districts. School districts interested in the Seamless Summer Option should contact Deanna Tackett at (502) 564-5625, or [Deanna.Tackett@education.ky.gov](mailto:Deanna.Tackett@education.ky.gov).

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