



# Summer Meals Press Release

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## Hunger is a Year-Round Issue

**Bentonville, AR – March 22, 2024** - This coming Summer, children can enjoy Breakfast and Lunch at no charge at the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County through the Summer Food Service Program. (SFSP), a federally funded nutrition program open to all kids aged 6-18 years. No applications are necessary to receive a meal and all children and teens are welcome.

The SFSP makes sure all children can eat healthy food during the Summer. To make the program welcoming and accessible, meals are served at four different Boys & Girls Club locations (Bentonville, Rogers, Rogers Teen Center, Bella Vista) where kids come to participate in our after-school program.

This program is meeting a real need in our communities. Approximately one in three children in Arkansas are food insecure, meaning they have limited or uncertain access to safe and nutritious food. Children who are hungry or food insecure are more likely to be in poor health and less likely to form friendships, to be curious, and to learn. Summer meal programs can respond to this problem. The meals, along with positive enrichment activities, help ensure kids go to school healthy and ready to learn.

Meals will be served at the following locations Monday-Friday:

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Address</b>
Bentonville	8am-9am; 11:30am-1:00pm	2801 N. Walker Street, Bentonville, AR
Rogers	8am-10am; 11:30am-1:30pm	409 S. 8th Street, Rogers, AR
Rogers Teen Center	8am-10am; 11:30am-1:30pm	704 W. Cypress, Rogers, AR 72756
Bella Vista	8:30am-9am; 11:15am-11:45am	2260 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista

The Boys & Girls Club of Benton County is an equal opportunity provider. If you have any questions about this program, please contact our administrative office at 479-273-7187 x116 or email at [info@bgcbentoncounty.org](mailto:info@bgcbentoncounty.org).