



School Year Meals Press Release

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Hunger is a Year Round Issue

Bentonville, AR - July 20, 2021 - This coming school year, children can enjoy dinner and a snack at no charge at the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), 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 CACFP makes sure all children can eat healthy food during the after-school hours. To make the program welcoming and accessible, meals are served at four different Boys & Girls Club locations (Bentonville, Rogers, Rogers Teen Center, and 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. After school 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 from 2:45 - 4:15 pm (dinner) and from 4:15 - 5:30 (snack) Monday-Friday:

- Bentonville: 2801 N. Walker Street, Bentonville, AR
- Rogers: 409 S. 8th Street, Rogers, AR and 704 W. Cypress Rd, Rogers
- Bella Vista: 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.

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