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WDE Seeks Community Sponsors for the Summer Food Service Program

Cheyenne – The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is seeking community sponsors for the Summer Food Service Program for this coming summer of 2013. Learning does not end when school lets out, and neither does the need for good nutrition. Children who aren't hungry learn better, behave better, and feel better. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps all children up to the age of 18 get the nutrition they need during summer months when they don't have access to other school meal programs.

The Summer Food Service Program is administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is administered it at the state level by the WDE. In past years, several Wyoming communities have participated in the program.

The Summer Food Service Program is not just for schools. Local YMCA's, parks and recreation programs, and other private non-profit agencies can also participate. These summer sites must meet some specific criteria regarding the income eligibility of either children living in the area or enrolled in the program at the chosen site. We can help with obtaining information for possible sites in your community.

If you are interested in sponsoring the program and would like more details regarding qualifications as a sponsor, please contact Amanda Anderson, Nutrition Programs Consultant, at 307-777-7168. Even though summer seems far away, planning needs to begin now. Application packets will be mailed in March to those expressing an interest in participating.

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