Summer Food Service Program Kicks off in 2015!
The 2015 Kansas Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Rocks Country. Kicking off the 2015 SFSP with country flair, we are focusing on expansion all over the state, but are working especially hard to increase access in rural areas that have had no or limited participation in the Summer Food Service Program. By the numbers:
- 40 programs have begun in May
- 142 sponsors will be operational following final approvals
- 421 sites have been approved to operate – 50 more are still being considered

Summer Nutrition Programs Briefing
A June 2nd 10:30 am Capitol Hill briefing will highlight the vital role Summer Nutrition Programs play in fueling children's bodies and minds when school is out of session. Cosponsoring the event are the original sponsors of the bi-partisan, bi-cameral Summer Meals Act of 2015 (S. 613, H.R. 1728): Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Representatives Don Young (R-AK) and Rick Larsen (D-WA). FRAC is hosting the briefing in partnership with the Afterschool Alliance, Boys & Girls Club of America, National Recreation and Park Association, National Summer Learning Association, and the YMCA of the USA. FRAC’s “Hunger Doesn’t Take a Vacation” report shows millions of low-income children are benefiting from the Summer Nutrition Programs. Speakers will examine ways to expand access to the programs in more communities nationwide and discuss how successful programs are serving nutritious meals and offering enrichment and physical activities to ensure children stay active and learning throughout the summer months. Speakers will also outline the specific steps policymakers can take to improve the child nutrition programs, which are due to be reauthorized by Congress this year. Representative Young will discuss the proposed Summer Meals Act. Follow these links to details on S. 613/H.R. 1728 (pdf) and a briefing invitation to share with your Hill staff contacts.

Promoting SFSP
KSDE is interested in knowing about ANY community wide promotions of the SFSP. We would like to help get the word out for events (big or small) that are planned this summer. Contact Peggy McAdoo (pmcadoo@ksde.org) or Kelly Chanay (kchanay@ksde.org) or 785-296-2276 if you have information about promotional events to share.

Kickoff Events
Body Venture will be in Garden City at Florence Wilson Elementary on June 2, Liberal at the Seward County Activity Center on June 3, and Topeka at Lowman Hill Elementary on June 5 with lunch noon-1:00. Wichita and Larned also had events on May 27th.

Farm to Summer
USDA has resources to help “bring the farm” to summer food service sites. Visit the Farm to Summer section of USDA’s Farm to school website at www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-summer.
SFSP Kits Awarded by Midwest Dairy
Kansas Summer Food Service Programs that received (or will receive shortly) the Summer Food Service Kits from Midwest Dairy Council.

- USD 497 Lawrence – Contact Lindsey Morgan
- USD 501 Topeka – Contact Carmen Lovan
  - The Salvation Army (through USD 501 Topeka)
  - Central Park Community Center (through USD 501 Topeka)
- USD 204 Bonnor Springs/Edwardsville – Contact Tina Trafton
- USD 259 Wichita Public Schools – Contact Kammie Anderson
- USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden Foodservice (5 kits sent for 5 sites) – Contact Stephanie Smith

They also have a few signs available if you know of anyone who might need one. Contact Robyn Stuewe at rstuewe@midwestdairy.com or 913-319-7231.

June is Dairy Month!
To help celebrate and promote the many reasons dairy makes sense, Midwest Dairy Council has developed a comprehensive online toolkit to help promote June Dairy Month. View and download all the toolkit components by clicking here. Midwest Dairy Council is excited to announce that National Dairy Council is celebrating 100 years of nutrition education and research. Join in the 100-year celebration, beginning in June and throughout 2015 by helping us highlight our shared commitment to healthy people, health communities and a healthy planet for now and future generations. Click here for additional information and materials on the National Dairy Council Centennial. All the information on June Dairy Month and the National Dairy Council Centennial can be found by visiting www.midwestdairy.com

Plan Now for Summer 2016
AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) seeks project proposals for the Fall 2015 – Summer 2016 service year! AmeriCorps NCCC teams provide direct, boots on the ground, service to nonprofits, schools, municipalities, federal and state entities, and Tribal governments. Teams can support communities through a wide variety of tasks, including:

- Working with youth during school and in afterschool programs
- Building and renovating homes or community centers
- Environmental projects such as habitat restoration or trail building
- Tax preparation for low income families
- Preparing community gardens
- And much more!

Round 1 – Service dates of October 31-December 19, 2015
- Concept Forms are due August 14, 2015
- Full Applications due September 4, 2015

Round 2 – Service Dates of January 7-April 2, 2016
- Concept Forms are due October 8, 2015
- Full Applications

Round 3 – April 12-July 9, 2016
- Concept Forms are due January 8, 2016
- Full Applications are due January 29, 2016

For more information, contact Peggy McAdoo (pmcadoo@ksde.org) or Kelly Chanay (kchanay@ksde.org) or 785-296-2276 who can provide a more detailed request for proposal.
KANSAS SFSP ROCKS!
We have already topped projections for sponsors and sites – thank you for all the efforts you have made to reach out to new communities, new neighborhoods, new organizations, and new partners! We can feel the energy – as the rain stops and the days heat up, keep the outreach going to keep participation up. Thank you for feeding children when school is not in session!

Cheryl, Kelly & Peggy