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**Summer Program Begins for Children Who Are Food Insecure**

*Hundreds of area children receive nutritious food every week during summer break.*

Verona, Va. – (May 29, 2025)—The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is participating in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), sponsoring 25 locations starting in late May, helping ensure that children across the region have access to nutritious food to fuel their learning, play, and growth.

One in seven (1 in 7) children in Virginia is food insecure. The Summer Food Service Program is designed to reach children who may not get nutritious meals at home over the summer break. Students receiving free or reduced-price meals when school is in session are at particular risk.

The Food Bank provides wholesome breakfast items, vegetables, fruit, dishes with protein from meat and other sources, and snacks to organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs, summer school programs, churches, and recreation programs that serve children at risk of being food insecure. This nutritious food is provided to all children without charge, helping children thrive and stay on track for healthy development.

During this summer, the Food Bank will serve approximately 550 children through SFSP across its 25-county service area.

Below is a list of sites offering Summer Food Service Programs:

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| Name | Address | Dates | Serving Days & Times |
| By God’s Grace – New Canton\*\* | 27294 N. James River Hwy., Scottsville | 5/27-8/5 | Tu 3:00-5:00 & 3rd Sat 10:00-12:00 |
| By God’s Grace – Scottsville\*\* | 190 James River Rd., Scottsville | 6/11-8/6 | Wed 4:00-6:00 |
| Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries | 782 Prospect Ave, Charlottesville | 6/9-7/17 | M-Th, 8:00-8:30 & 12:00-12:30 |
| Craigsville Library Station | 18 Hidy St., Craigsville | 7/1-7/30 | Wed, 1:00-3:00 |
| Edinburg Lutheran Church\*\* | 210 Center St., Edinburg | 5/27-8/8 | 1st + 2nd Th 9:00-11:00 & 3rd + 4th Th 5:00-6:00 |
| Emmanuel Lutheran Church\*\* | 127 E. High St., Woodstock | 5/27-8/8 | W, Th, Fri 9:00-12:00 |
| Feeding Greene\*\* | 81 Main St., Stanardsville | 5/24-8/9 | Tu, Th, Sat 9:00-12:00 & Wed 4:00-6:00 |
| Fluvanna Public Library\*\* | 214 Commons Blvd., Palmyra | 5/31-8/9 | Fri 9:00-5:00 |
| Millboro Elementary School\*\* | 411 Church St., Millboro | 6/3-8/7 | Tu 12:30-5:30 |
| Mt. Zion Lutheran Church\*\* | 3055 Fairview Rd., Woodstock | 5/27-8/8 | Th 4:00-6:00 |
| Moving Mountains Academy of Learning | 300 First St., Shenandoah | 6/9-8/22 | M-F, 9:00-9:30 & 12:00-12:30 |
| Nelson Memorial Library\*\* | 8521 Thomas Nelson Hwy., Lovingston | 5/28-8/6 | Wed 10:30-1:00 |
| Plains Boys and Girls Club | 225 American Legion Way, Timberville | 6/16-8/8 | M-F, 11:30-12:00 & 3:30-4:30 |
| Rappahannock Library\*\* | 4 Library Rd., Washington, VA | 6/4-8/13 | Wed 10:00-8:00 |
| River Bend Elementary Boys and Girls Club | 14556 Rockingham Pike, Elkton | 6/16-8/8 | M-F, 12-12:30 & 3:30-4:30 |
| Simms Center Boys and Girls Club | 620 Simms Ave, Harrisonburg | 6/16-8/8 | M-F, 11:00-1:00 & 2:30-3:30 |
| Sons and Daughters Academy | 240 Shenandoah St., Woodstock | 5/27-8/15 | M-F, 8:30-8:50 & 11:00-12:00 |
| South River Boys and Girls Club | 2101 Elm Ave, Grottoes | 6/16-8/8 | M-F, 12:00-12:30 & 3:00-3:30 |
| St. Jacob Lutheran Church\*\* | 15226 Senedo Rd., Edinburg | 5/27-8/8 | Sat 9:30-10:30 |
| Staunton Boys and Girls Club | 1114 W. Johnson St., Staunton | 6/2-7/25 | M-F, 12:15-1:00 & 3:15-3:45 |
| Trinity Presbyterian Church | 3101 Fontaine Ave Ext, Charlottesville | 6/9-7/17 | M-Th, 8:00-8:30 & 12:00-12:30 |
| Valley Pike Early Learning Center | 3445 Lee Hwy, Suite 4, Weyers Cave | 5/22-8/6 | M-F, 9:00-9:30 & 11:30-12:30 |
| Waynesboro Boys and Girls Club | 302 E. Main St., Waynesboro | 6/2-7/25 | M-F, 12:15-1:00 & 3:15-3:45 |
| Zion Lutheran Church\*\* | 321 Headquarters Rd., Edinburg | 5/27-8/8 | Wed 6:00-7:30 |

\*\*Meals to-go at rural non-congregate meal sites. Meal boxes will be distributed between 5/22/2025 and 8/9/2025 on a first-come, first-served basis, and will include five (5) breakfasts and five (5) suppers per food box.

Families with children under 18 years of age who need food assistance can go to the organization’s listed location during the service day and time and food will be provided.

This is one of many programs the Food Bank operates in order to help children across the Blue Ridge. [Learn more about the Food Bank’s programs.](https://www.brafb.org/program-partner/)

Families who need food assistance can access the Food Bank’s “Food Finder” tool to locate local food pantries. Go to [www.brafb.org/FoodFinder](http://www.brafb.org/FoodFinder)

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The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization serving Western and Central Virginia. Founded in 1981, the Food Bank serves 25 counties and 8 cities through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and its headquarters in Verona. Each month, the Food Bank supports an average of 148,200 guest visits, reaching record numbers of Virginians through a network of nearly 400 community partners—food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and program sites. As a partner food bank of Feeding America®, the nation’s largest hunger-relief organization, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank pledges to continue innovating and adapting to secure, store, and distribute more food to more individuals, families, children, and seniors experiencing hunger. For more information, visit [www.brafb.org](http://www.brafb.org).

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