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## **SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM BEGINS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE FOOD INSECURE**

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

**Verona, Va. (May 15, 2026)** – The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is participating in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), sponsoring 23 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 have access to 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, protein-rich dishes, and snacks to organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, summer school programs, churches, and recreation programs. This nutritious food is provided to all eligible children without charge, helping children thrive and stay on track for healthy development.

During this summer program, 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:

Name	Address	Dates	Serving Days & Times
Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries	782 Prospect Ave, Charlottesville	6/8-7/16	Mon-Th, 8:00–8:30 am, 12:30–1:00 pm
Edinburg Christian Church**	210 Center St., Edinburg	5/26-8/8	1st & 2nd Th, 9:00–11:00 am, 5:00–7:00 pm; 3rd + 4th Th, 5:00–6:00 pm
Faith Lutheran Church**	4260 Fort Valley Rd, Fort Valley	5/26-8/8	Th, 1:00–2:00 pm, 3:30–5:30 pm
Fluvanna Public Library**	214 Commons Blvd., Palmyra	5/31-8/9	Fri, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Littlest Lamb Child Care Center*	406 Lee Highway, Verona	5/22-8/11	M-F, 9:00–9:30 am & 11:30 am–12:00 pm
Millboro Elementary School**	411 Church St., Millboro	6/2-8/4	Tue, 12:30–3:00 pm
Moving Mountains Academy of Learning*	300 First St., Shenandoah	6/8-8/26	M-F, 9 - 9:30 am & 12 pm - 12:30 pm
Nelson Memorial Library**	8521 Thomas Nelson Hwy., Lovingston	5/27-8/5	Wed, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
Plains Boys and Girls Club*	225 American Legion Way, Timberville	6/15-8/7	M-F, 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**	319 Orkney Grade, Basye	5/26-8/8	Fri, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Rappahannock Library**	4 Library Rd., Washington, VA	6/3-8/5	Wed, 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Reformation Lutheran Church**	9283 N. Congress St., New Market	5/26-8/8	Th, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm
River Bend Elementary Boys and Girls Club*	14556 Rockingham Pike, Elkton	6/15-8/7	M-F, 11:30 am-12:30 pm & 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Shenandoah County Library**	514 Stoney Creek Blvd., Edinburg	5/26-8/8	M, W, F 10:00 am-6:00 pm & Tue, Th 10:00 am-8:00 pm & Sat 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Shenandoah Community Health Clinic**	124 Valley Vista Drive, Woodstock	5/26-8/8	M, W, Th 8:00 am-7:00 pm
Simms Center Boys and Girls Club*	620 Simms Ave, Harrisonburg	6/15-8/7	M-F, 11:30 am-1:00 pm & 2:30 pm-3:30 pm
South River Boys and Girls Club*	2101 Elm Ave, Grottoes	6/15-8/7	M-F, 12:30 pm-1:00 pm & 3:30 pm-4:00 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church**	156 W. Washington St, Strasburg	5/26-8/8	Fri 10:00 am-1:00 pm
St. Jacob Lutheran Church**	15226 Senedo Rd., Edinburg	5/26-8/8	Sat 9:30 am-10:30 am
Staunton Boys and Girls Club*	1114 W. Johnson St., Staunton	6/1-7/31	M-F, 11:00 am-11:20 am & 1:00 pm-1:45 pm
Waynesboro Boys and Girls Club*	302 E. Main St., Waynesboro	6/1-7/31	M-F, 11:00 am-11:20 am & 1:00 pm-1:45 pm
Woodstock Presbyterian Church**	142 E. Court St., Woodstock	5/26-8/8	M, W, Th, F 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Zion Lutheran Church**	321 Headquarters Rd., Edinburg	5/26-8/8	Wed 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

\*Sites may require registration as they are daycare providers or camps. These sites are required by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to be listed.

\*\*Meals To-Go, rural non-congregate meal sites. Meal kits will be distributed between 5/26/2026 and 8/8/2026 on a first-come, first-served basis, and will include five (5) breakfasts and five (5) suppers per meal kit.

For details about SFSP, visit the Food Bank's website at <http://www.brafb.org/sfsp>.

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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### **About the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**

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 177,000 guest visits, reaching record numbers of Virginians through a network of 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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