

# Summer Foods



**Provo School District:** Our Summer Food Program has been a great success! We have offered this much-needed program for 20 years. We have many stories that we could tell that are both heart-warming and wonderful. Many of us have watched children grow up while serving nutritious meals each summer.

Our current summer is no exception—our employees have enjoyed the smiling faces of children and grateful parents! We have offered fabulous meals that are nutritious and delicious! We've had awesome specialty days, including Wild Wild West Day, Pioneer Day, and Super Hero Day.

Our Wild West Day was a rip-roaring good time! A stampede of boot stompin' music, children dressed up in Wild West attire, country-style barbeque, lucky trays (cowboy hats), laughter and fun thundered through the lunchroom. Sheriff Bill deputized many of the happy children as he strolled among the tables.

Pioneer Day was a little quieter, as we remembered the hardships of stalwart people crossing the plains to establish our great state of Utah. Special prizes were given to the children wearing the most authentic pioneer clothing. It was a good day to be thankful as children enjoyed a baked chicken luncheon.

Hero Day was a day for getting to know REAL-life super heroes! Students were able to meet a police officer, doctor, nurse, military man, parent, lunch lady.....real super heroes who make real differences in the world! A tasty lasagna lunch was the meal choice for our Super Hero Day. The SFSP is a marvelous program! We are so happy that we are able to offer such a wonderful service to Provo children!



The USOE would like to thank the sponsors and their staffs for their hard work this year to ensure that meals are available to the community during summer vacation.

Contact our office if you are interested in participating in the SFSP program.



**Ogden School District:** We have continued to build on the successes



we experienced in our summer foods program last year. As of July 10, 2010, our average breakfast count was up 62% and our average lunch count was up 18% over the same time period last year. We did a lot of advertising before school was out this spring. We had a summer lunch flyer printed in bright colors in

English and Spanish that listed all the information about the summer breakfast and lunch program. These flyers were delivered to each school so all students could receive one to take home. We also had door hangers printed with lunch information in bright green that were hung on the front doors of homes in many neighborhoods in the city. We did our normal blitz of flyers, posters and signs in stores and businesses around town, as well as a great newspaper supplement in the Standard-Examiner. Our partnership with Ogden City Recreation brings kids from their programs to our lunch locations to eat lunch and conduct some of their activities. Our partnership with WSU has grown this summer from Science in the Park to

include Arts in the Park. Next year, Weber is looking at bringing a literature program to the parks.





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## Three reasons to become a summer food sponsor

### #1: Fun

Participating in the SFSP is a way to get to know the kids in your community, work more closely with your employees, and have some fun!

### #2: Money

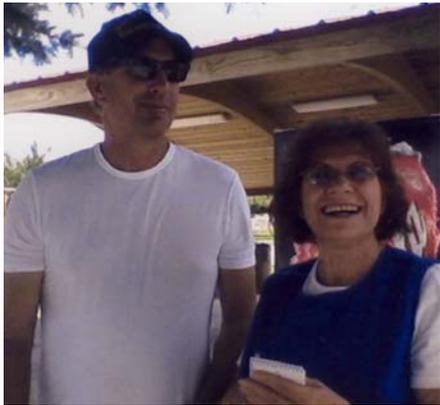
Serving food in the summer gives more employees in your schools an opportunity to work year round and earn some extra money.

### #3: The need to feed

The Utahns Against Hunger website states, "Utah's food insecurity rate exceeded the national rate, with 12.5 percent of the population living in food insecure households. The rate of households with very low food security in Utah may also exceed the national average, with 5.1 percent of Utah households in this condition compared to only 4.0 percent nationally."

There is definitely a need for the SFSP in Utah! You can help by becoming a sponsor.

**Sevier School District:** On June 29, 2010 actor Kevin Costner was driving through Richfield and came across the Rotary Park summer site. After taking pictures and visiting with the lunch staff, he was very impressed with the program, and was surprised to learn that the meals were free!



**Grand School District:** For six weeks, the park rangers at Arches National Park collaborated with Grand County Middle School to offer an educational summer lunch program to Moab children under 18. Armed with the goal of fostering student passion for National Park science and preservation, we came prepared with a new program each day.

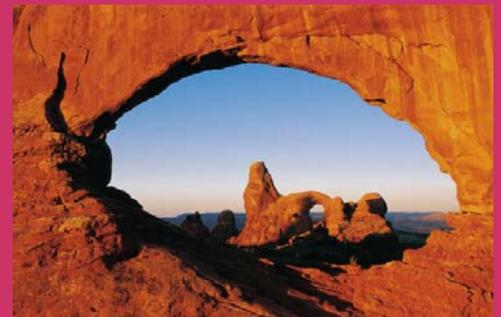
Over the lunch hour every Monday through Thursday, we set up a table complete with props and activities near the front door of the cafeteria. We presented the children with fun, accessible, and specific information about some of many of the natural or cultural wonders found in Arches National Park.

The four days of the week represented four distinct categories: geology, plants, animals, and human history. Each week, we discussed a new topic beneath the day's broader subject, and students were taught everything from the chemistry of arch formation to the evolutionary adaptations of desert creatures.

Yet the most important component in every one of our programs was the idea of preservation. Those of us who work in the National Park Service want to excite children about science and history, but we also want to inspire them to protect those places that provide safe havens for such incredible environmental and cultural research. At the end of every lunch program, we discussed the fragility of our parks and stressed the importance of preserving them (and their plants and animals) for future generations.

Some kids nodded; some kids walked away—but every once in a while, a child's excited, understanding eyes would look up at us from beneath our much-too-large ranger hat—and we realized that someday, when we hang up that very same hat for the last time, there will be another generation ready to fill our boots.

Grand School Districts director Debbie Rappe added, "It's been great to have the partnership with Arches National Park! Not only did the kids receive a nutritious meal (served by staff with a heart for this program and the children), but they had the chance to learn and experience the world about them. This partnership was the icing on the cake!"



**Salt Lake School District:** This year Salt Lake School District they served the most sites: a whopping 64! At their Kearns Oquirrh Fitness Park they served around 1,300 students a day for lunch. They said, "Overall we have increased our participation by 15%. During the first week and a half we were up by 25%, and then leveled off during the next week." I am sure many of you have seen an increase in participation during this last year as well.