

Press Release

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Summer time turns “hungry time” for many children in Houston. Become a Summer Food Service Program Site!

Hunger is more pervasive during the summer months when 1 in 5 children in Texas live in food-insecure households. The end of the school year means the end of healthy, filling meals for many children in Houston. This call is for youth-oriented organizations to become a Summer Food Service Program site where children can eat for free.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites churches, apartment complexes, youth learning centers, private or nonprofit organizations to open their doors and become a Summer Food Service Program site for youth ages 1 through 18. The **FREE** Summer Food Service Program delivers fresh, nutritious lunches and snacks Monday through Friday during the summer months right to your door. No food preparation is involved and no money is involved.

The **FREE Summer Food Service Program** operates **June 10 through August 23, 2013**.

Groups and organizations interested in joining must submit a Request to Participate form before April 12, 2013. This form is available by calling 713-676-6832 or by going on line to

www.houstonparks.org.

The Summer Food Service Program is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Division. In accordance with federal law & U.S.D.A. policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.

