



Press Release

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When Summer School Closes, Over 400 Sites Continue Serving Free Lunch & Snacks to Youth

No Registration Required – Meals Provided Weekdays through August 23

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) will **continue to sponsor** the U.S.D.A.'s Summer Food Service Program **through August 23 at more than 400 sites** across Houston. The program serves FREE lunches and snacks for youth ages 1 to 18, Monday through Friday, and no registration is required.

In its sixth week of operation, 622,700 lunches and snacks have been served to more than 23,500 children and youth attending 53 H.P.A.R.D. community centers, churches, apartment complexes, recreation/learning centers, youth organizations, schools and non-profit agencies that have registered with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to provide FREE meals to area youth. Families can find the nearest Summer Food Service Program site by **calling (713) 676-6832 or 2-1-1** and by visiting the site www.houstonparks.org.

The Summer Food Service Program has been supported in part by grants from the Walmart Fighting Hunger Together Campaign and the National Recreation and Park Association and No Kid Hungry – Share Our Strength program.

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

About the Houston Parks and Recreation Department

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.