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Redwood Empire Food Bank Offering Free Summer Lunch To Kids 18 Years and Younger

Santa Rosa, CA – (June 1, 2017) – From June 5th through August 4th, the Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) will offer free and healthy lunches to Sonoma County children 18 years of age and younger. There are 31 different Summer Lunch Program sites spread throughout Sonoma County. Lunch is completely free, open to all children, and operates Monday through Friday during lunchtime.

In addition to a nutritious lunch, some of the program sites will offer fun activities to help keep kids physically active and academically engaged during the summer break. Program highlights will include visits from the Bookmobile - Sonoma County's roaming library, the Imaginists, the Creek Stewardship Program, and Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control. Park sites will also offer free fruits and vegetables once a week to help increase access to nutrition for low-income families.

"The summer months are a critical time for children who participate in the National School Lunch program during the school year," said Itzul Gutierrez, REFB Senior Program Manager. "When schools break for the summer, these children lose access to free and reduced cost school meals. Summer Lunch addresses this meal gap by providing nutritious meals to children in our community, because let's face it, hunger doesn't take a vacation."

To find a location near you, please refer to the following site list, visit www.refb.org, or call 2-1-1. For immediate assistance or more information about the Summer Lunch Program you can call the REFB directly at 707.523.7903.

About Redwood Empire Food Bank

The Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization serving north coastal California from Sonoma County to the Oregon border. Since 1987, the REFB has provided food and nourishment to those facing hunger, currently serving 82,000 children, families and seniors in Sonoma County, while striving to end hunger in our community. The REFB collaborates with local and regional partners to obtain and distribute 15+ million pounds of food annually, the equivalent of more than 35,000 meals every day. Through more than 200 of our own direct service distributions and partnerships with 177 other hunger-relief organizations, we form a network of over 450 weekly and monthly distribution sites serving low-income residents in Sonoma, Lake, Del Norte, Mendocino and Humboldt counties. Visit www.refb.org or call 707-523-7900 to learn more.

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Healdsburg				
Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
12-Jun	2-Jul	12:00-1:00	Alliance Medical Center	1381 University Avenue
12-Jun	2-Jul	12:30-1:00	Harvest Grove Apartments	293 West Grant Street
12-Jun	28-Jul	12:30-1:00	Healdsburg Library	139 Piper Street
Petaluma				
Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Petaluma Library	100 Fairgrounds Drive
12-Jul	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Lucchesi Park Clubhouse	203 Maria Drive
12-Jun	4-Aug	1:00-1:30	Round Walk Village	745 N McDowell Blvd.
12-Jun	4-Aug	1:00-1:30	Downtown River Apartments	35 E Washington Street
12-Jun	4-Aug	1:00-1:30	Corona Ranch Clubhouse	990 Ely Road
13-Jun	7-Jul	12:00-12:30	Healdsburg Junior High	315 Grant Street

Rohnert Park/Cotati

Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	City of Cotati Rec Program	216 East School Street, Cotati
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Alicia Park	300 Arlen Drive, Rohnert Park

Santa Rosa

Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Amorosa Village	1300 Pebble Creek Drive
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-1:00	Bayer Farm	1550 West Avenue
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Carrillo Place Apartments	200 Cranbrook Way
5-Jun	4-Aug	11:45-12:15	Southwest Community Park	1698 Hearn Avenue
12-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Boys & Girls of Santa Rosa	1011 Hahman Drive
12-Jun	28-Jul	11:30-12:00	Central Santa Rosa Library	211 E Street
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Gray's Meadow Apartments	2352 Meadow Way
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:30-1:00	South Park Youth Center	1336 Temple Avenue
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:30-1:00	Larkfield Oaks Apartments	524 Airport Blvd.
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Northwest Santa Rosa Library	150 Coddington Center
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:20	Olive Grove Apartments	1945 Zinfandel Avenue
10-Jul	28-Jul	12:00-12:30	Salvation Army Santa Rosa	93 Stony Circle

Sebastopol

Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
7-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Camp CASTLE	7601 Huntley Street
5-Jun	29-Jul	12:00-1:00	Sebastopol Regional Library	7140 Bodega Avenue

Sonoma

Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:00-12:30	Sonoma Valley Regional Library	755 West Napa Street
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:15-12:45	Springs Village Apartments	200 Fuente Lane
12-Jun	4-Aug	12:30-1:15	Boys & Girls Club of Sonoma Valley	100 W. Verano Ave

Windsor

Start	End	Serving Time	Location	Address
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:30-1:00	Forest Winds Apartments	6697 Old Redwood Hwy
5-Jun	28-Jul	12:00-12:30	Windsor Park Apartments	350 Duncan Drive
5-Jun	4-Aug	12:30-1:00	Windsor Redwoods Apartments	100 Kendall Way

Some sites offer breakfast as well as lunch, and many sites will be closed on the July 4th holiday. Check refb.org for up-to-date meal dates and times.

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