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School's out but lunch is in! Free summer lunches for kids in Sonoma County.

Santa Rosa, CA – May 30, 2023 – From June 5th through August 4th, the Redwood Empire Food Bank will offer free and healthy lunch to children 18 and under across Sonoma County through their Summer Lunch program.

An overwhelming 1 in 6 children worry about where their next meal will come from. During a regular school year, the Redwood Empire Food Bank reaches many of these children through their Afterschool Café, School Pantry, and Preschool Pantry programs.

“We are delighted to host another year of Summer Lunch and excited to see families convening at sites with our sit-down service,” said Maria Fuentes, Hunger Relief Worker and Every Child, Every Day Manager at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. “We are also encouraging children to bring a friend.”

The Redwood Empire Food Bank will partner once again with the Sonoma County Library, Burbank Housing, and other child program organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs to close the meal gap over the summer. There will be multiple Summer Lunch sites throughout Santa Rosa, Cloverdale, Sonoma, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Petaluma, Larkfield, Sebastopol, and Healdsburg.

To find your nearest location, visit refb.org/summer-lunch-2023, or call 2-1-1. For immediate assistance or more information about the Summer Lunch Program you can call the Redwood Empire Food Bank directly at 707-523-7903.

About the Redwood Empire Food Bank

The Redwood Empire Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization serving Northern California. Since 1987, the Redwood Empire Food Bank has provided food and nourishment to those facing hunger—serving more than 100,000 children, families, and seniors in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties. With over 350 direct service distributions and 150 partnerships with local human service organizations, all residents facing food insecurity have regular access to weekly and monthly food distribution sites across the five counties.

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