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The Y Announces Summer Feeding Program Sites & Times.

Summer food program helps meet the needs of childhood food insecurity in Pennington County in three locations.

RAPID CITY, MAY 21, 2026 – The Rapid City YMCA has announced its Summer Feeding Program meal site locations for 2026. Any child aged 18 and under (and their adult caregiver) will be provided a complimentary meal for breakfast and lunch. The program runs Monday-Friday from June 1 – August 7 at the Y Courtyard Café and Main Street Square, downtown Rapid City. Meals are served on-site, and a seating area is provided. The YMCA will also provide meal prep box distribution at the Liberty Center YMCA in Box Elder 2 days per week. The YMCA is an equal opportunity provider, and summer serving times and locations are as follows:

Rapid City Y Café – 815 Kansas City Street (age 18 & under/adult caregiver)

Breakfast Monday-Friday: 7:45AM-8:45AM (June 1 – August 7)

Lunch Monday-Friday: 11:45AM-1PM (June 1 – August 7)

Main Street Square – 512 Main Street, Downtown Rapid City (age 18 & under/adult caregiver)

Lunch Monday-Friday: 11:45AM-1:30PM (June 1 – August 7)

Liberty Center YMCA – 401 Main Street, Box Elder (Families with children age 18 & under)

Meal Prep Boxes available Tuesday and Friday: 3PM - 5PM (June 1 – August 7)

“The Y Summer Feeding Program provides any child aged 18 or under with a free, healthy meal option in an enriching environment over the summer months,” James Jackson, YMCA of the Black Hills Food Service Director states. “Thanks to the generosity of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, this year we are also able to provide meals for a child’s adult caregiver. This program helps strengthen our community by improving the health and well-being of people of all ages.”

According to Feeding South Dakota in 2025, 12.1% of residents, or 1 in 9 Adults and 1 in 6 Children in South Dakota, struggled with food insecurity - meaning they did not have enough food at times to live a healthy, active and full life. In addition, approximately 34,000 residents in our area with low income live in a “food desert” – meaning they have limited access to grocery stores, often living over half a mile from a store location. The YMCA is part of the Friends of Food Security Group facilitated by the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, where members focus on identifying needs and developing solutions to address food insecurity together.

Questions? Please contact the Y at 605-718-9622, via email to events@rcymca.org or visit <https://ymcabh.org/food-program/>



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Driven by its founding mission, the YMCA of the Black Hills has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for more than 77 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y's goal is to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across 10,000 communities nationwide. Learn more at www.ymcabh.org