

Summer Feeding for Children in the New River Valley

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About This Guide

NRV Thrive is a collective effort to increase access to healthy, nutritious food across Virginia's New River Valley. Food security is a particularly important issue as our community navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. **This guide provides basic information about summer feeding programs for children ages 0-18.** It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of feeding programs and food access resources, but a brief overview of how public school systems and feeding programs that traditionally operate over the summer are adjusting during the pandemic. These programs are evolving with the needs of the community, so we encourage you to visit each program's website or reach out by phone for the most current information.

For a more complete list of food pantries and feeding programs for all ages, please consult the 2019 NRV Food Access Directory, available online at <https://cfnr.org/partnerships-initiatives/fund-for-the-nrv/thrive/resources/>.

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Public School System Programs

School-aged children often rely on free or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch programs at their school during the year. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, school systems stepped up to provide meals in a variety of ways, and those efforts continue during the summer months. Learn more about each school system's summer program and contact the district for further details.

FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Floyd County Public Schools provides meals **via drive-thru pickup** between 11am and 1pm on Monday and Wednesday at four locations. Families may pick up two sets of meals on Monday and three sets of meals on Wednesday each week. Children do not need to be present, but parents should be prepared to provide the name of the child they are picking up for when they arrive. For more information, call 540-745-9400. The pickup locations are:

Indian Valley Elementary School

4130 Indian Valley Rd NW,
Radford, VA 24141

Check Elementary

6810 Floyd Hwy N.
Copper Hill, VA 24079

Willis Elementary School

5075 Floyd Hwy S.
Willis, VA 24380

Floyd County High School

721 Baker Street
Floyd, VA 24091

Public School System Programs

GILES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Giles County Public Schools **delivers** prepackaged meals each Wednesday. Each delivery includes 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches. Bus routes can be found online at <http://gcps.ss13.sharpschool.com/>, with the buses departing for their routes at 10am. Children must be present to receive the meals. For more information contact Christy Lawson at 540-921-1421 ext. 17 or email clawson@gilesk12.net.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Montgomery County Public Schools **delivers** prepackaged meals one day per week to specific strands within the district. Each delivery includes 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches and is available to any child, even those not enrolled with MCPS. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesdays—Eastern Montgomery and Auburn strands
- Wednesdays—Blacksburg strand
- Thursdays—Christiansburg strand

Bus routes can be found online at <http://www.mcps.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92248&pageId=13209705>. For more information, email cknost@mcps.org or call 540-382-5109.

PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pulaski County Public Schools provides breakfast and lunch **via drive-thru pickup** between 1pm and 3pm on Monday and Wednesday at four locations. Families may pick up two sets of meals on Monday and three sets of meals on Wednesday each week. PCPS requests that children be with the parent during pick-up, but parents should be prepared to provide their child's student ID number if the child is not present. For more information, visit <https://www.pcva.us/>, email esadler@pcva.us or call 540-994-2523. Pick-up locations are:

Critzer Elementary School

100 Critzer Dr.
Pulaski, VA 24301

Riverlawn Elementary School

8100 Beth Nelson Dr.
Fairlawn, VA 24141

Pulaski County High School

5414 Cougar Trail Rd.
Dublin, VA 24084

Snowville Elementary School

4858 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347

RADFORD CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Radford City Public Schools **delivers** pre-packaged meals each Monday and Wednesday via six bus routes between 10:30am and 12pm, and provides a **drive-thru pick-up** option at Radford High School around the back of the school near the gymnasium from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, email Connie Woods at cwoods@rcps.org or call 540-267-3229. The pick-up location is:

Radford High School
50 Dalton Dr.
Radford, VA 24141

Other Summer Meal Programs for Children

BOBCAT BACKPACK PROGRAM—Radford City

The Bobcat Backpack Program is continuing to provide weekly bags of food to students in need via the Radford City Public Schools summer meal delivery system. Contact bobcatbackpacks@gmail.com for more information.

JUNE BUG CENTER—Floyd County

The June Bug Center is offering drive-thru meal pick-up Monday through Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Regular updates on meal availability can be found on the Center's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheJuneBugCenter>. The pick-up location is:

June Bug Center
251 Parkway Ln S.
Floyd, Virginia 24091

MICAH'S BACKPACK—Montgomery County

Micah's Backpack is offering drive-thru pick-up each Monday from 3pm to 6pm. Children will also receive a book and a bag of produce to take home. For more information, contact Sarah Ryan at hope@micahsbackpack.org. Pick-up location is:

St. Michael Lutheran Church
2308 Merrimac Rd.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

YMCA at VT MEALS ON MAIN—Montgomery County

The YMCA at VT is providing weekly Grab & Go meals at numerous sites in Blacksburg and Christiansburg. Children receive meals and snacks for 5 days. New locations are being added throughout the summer. For more information, visit <http://vtymca.org/meals-on-main/>, email ymca@vtymca.org, or call 540-961-9622. Current pick-up locations and times are:

Mondays: Adams Marke on Merrimac Road, Blacksburg from 2pm-3pm

Tuesdays: Oak Forest on Hightop Road, Blacksburg from 2pm-3pm

Wednesdays: Meadowbrook from 2pm-3pm

Thursdays: Linden Green, Christiansburg from 2pm-3pm

Fridays:

- Blacksburg Estates from 2pm-3pm
- Meals On Main at the YMCA Thrift Shop, 1000 N. Main St., Blacksburg from 3pm-6pm

Many New River Valley summer feeding programs for children are made possible in partnership with Feeding Southwest Virginia. For more information about partnering with them, visit <https://www.feedingswva.org/>.

