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# The Y Announces Summer Feeding Program Sites & Times.

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

RAPID CITY, MAY 28, 2025 – The YMCA of Rapid City has announced its free Summer Feeding Program meal site locations for 2025. Any child under age 18, or senior over age 60, will be provided a free meal for breakfast and lunch. The program runs from June 2 to August 8 at the Y Café; and June 5 to August 8 at Main Street Square, downtown Rapid City. Meals are served on-site, and a seating area is provided. New in 2025, the Y will be providing meal prep boxes at the Liberty Center YMCA in Box Elder. The YMCA is an equal opportunity provider, and summer serving times and locations are as follows:

## YMCA of Rapid City Y Café - 815 Kansas City Street

Breakfast Monday-Friday: 7:45AM-8:45AM (June 2-August 8) Lunch Monday-Friday: 11:45AM-1PM (June 2-August 8)

#### Main Street Square - 512 Main Street, Downtown Rapid City

Lunch Monday-Friday: 11:45AM-1:30PM (June 2-August 8)

### Liberty Center YMCA - 401 Main Street, Box Elder

Meal Prep Box Tuesday and Friday: 3PM-5PM (June 2-August 8)

"The Y Summer Feeding Program provides any child under age 18 with a free, healthy meal option in an enriching environment over the summer months," James Jackson, YMCA of Rapid City Food Service Director states. "This program helps strengthen our community by improving the health and well-being of people of all ages."

According to Feeding South Dakota in 2024, 11.7% 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. 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 <a href="mailto:jamesj@rcymca.org">jamesj@rcymca.org</a> or visit https://rcymca.org/food-program/

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#### About the YMCA of Rapid City

Driven by its founding mission, the YMCA of Rapid City has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for more than 76 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 rcymca.org