

# North Carolina Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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## TRP Foundational Principle #9

*“Character” and “Values” are the basis for any successful life and corporate endeavor. Character can be consciously developed (and our values made preeminent).*

Find the Nine Foundational Principles and a host of other information and resources on the TRP Enterprises, Inc., website at:  
<http://www.trpnet.com/foundational-principles/>

## **\*\*REMINDER\*\* Announcing Community Eligibility Provision Webinars**

The Child Nutrition Services section will conduct four webinars to discuss the new Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The webinars will provide:

- details about the CEP and its impact on school nutrition programs around the country
- requirements for participating in the CEP
- data elements required to complete the CEP navigator
- timeline for making CEP decisions



Webinars will be limited to **50** participants each in order to allow for interactive Questions/Answers. We will send notifications as the webinars fill.

Webinars are scheduled for the following dates. To register for a session click on the date/time that you prefer to attend or copy and paste the link into your browser.

- **Friday, March 14, 2014 (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)**  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/512660241>
- **Friday, March 14, 2014 (1:30 PM - 2:30 PM)**  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/778589737>
- **Friday, March 21, 2014 (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)**  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/815298488>
- **Friday, March 21, 2014 (1:30 PM - 2:30 PM)**  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/856945513>

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the Webinar.

## **\*\*Deadline – March 4\*\* School Kitchen Capacity and Inventory Survey**

**MAKE YOUR KITCHEN COUNT!!!**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT:  
DON'T GET LEFT OUT!  
SURVEY CLOSES MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**

[Please remember to take part in the Kitchen Capacity Survey](#)

In an effort to understand the capacity of school kitchens in North Carolina, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is working with the School of Government at UNC Chapel Hill and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems at NC State to survey Child Nutrition Directors and cafeteria managers about kitchens in their schools. **Child Nutrition Directors are encouraged to fill out the survey unless they**

**need to pass the link to a cafeteria manager more familiar with an individual kitchen.** We need one survey for each individual school kitchen. If you are the person who can best describe the capacity or inventory of an individual school kitchen, please complete the survey found at the following link:

[https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_9AY5DIImVYq0gtF3](https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9AY5DIImVYq0gtF3)

This survey link will be active from until **March 4, 2014**. We need your help learning about kitchen infrastructure, equipment, staffing, and training. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. The results will be delivered as a report to DPI and will also be made available to you. Your participation is voluntary and you are not required to participate.

Thank you so much for helping with this important study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly at the email addresses below. Thank you for your time and all you do for North Carolina children.

Best regards,

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## **SNA-NC Region 7 Meeting Invitation**

The Annual District 7 SNA-NC meeting is scheduled for **March 28, 2014**. Please review the attached invitation for details about the meeting. Should you have any questions please contact Stacey Southern, SNA-NC District 7 Director at 336-751-3866 or [southern@southern.k12.nc.us](mailto:southern@southern.k12.nc.us).

**[sna-nc reg 7 mtg.pdf](#)**

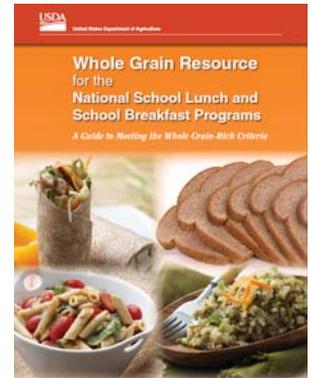
## **Smart Snacks Calculator**

USDA-FNS would like to make you aware of the Smart Snacks Calculator, developed by The Alliance for a Healthier Generation. You may view the attached USDA memo for more details.

**[smart snacks calculator.pdf](#)**

## **\*\*Now Available\*\* Whole Grain Resource for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs – A Guide to Meeting the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria**

This USDA-FNS publication provides an in-depth look at the whole grain-rich criteria for school meals. It updates and expands the previous whole grain resource from the HealthierUS School Challenge Application Kit, and now applies to all school meal programs. It includes exercises on identifying products that meet the whole grain-rich criteria and calculation examples.



This resource is available online through the Team Nutrition Website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/whole-grain-resource> and will soon be available on the Child Nutrition website.

### **REMINDER: Update on the Smart Snacks Interim Final Rule**

As you may know, the Federal budget that was recently signed into law by President Obama included a directive to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the implementation of the Smart Snacks Interim final Rule. Specifically, the directive requires USDA to establish a waiver process that will provide SFAs the option to delay implementing the new standards contained in the competitive foods rule and the breakfast meal pattern IF these regulations are proving to be too costly. The letter to the Secretary of Agriculture is attached for your review.

While we do not know how USDA will respond to this directive, we do encourage each SFA to begin the process of making projections about the financial impact of the new a la carte and breakfast program nutrition standards on operating costs (food, labor, equipment, other) in your school nutrition programs. We will notify you as soon as USDA notifies us about the waiver process.

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### **REMINDER: 2014 Best Practices Awards**

The US Department of Agriculture has announced the Twenty First Annual Best Practice Awards in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and Food Distribution Program (FDP). The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in schools and in School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the Southeast Region Please review the attached Best Practice Awards information for 2014. **All nominations are due on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.** Electronic documents or fax transmissions will not be accepted. Please review the attached document for entry details and criteria along with the nomination entry forms.

All entries should be sent or delivered to: **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction  
Child Nutrition Services Section  
6324 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-6324  
Attention: Pat Brafford**

Should you have any questions please contact your Regional Consultants.

**2014 best practice award.doc**

## Mark Your Calendar

Month of March .....	National Nutrition Month
March 3-7 .....	National School Breakfast Week
March 2-5 .....	SNA Legislative Action Conference (Washington, DC) <b>Registration Information:</b> <a href="http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/lac2014/registration.asp">http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/lac2014/registration.asp</a>
March 3 .....	December Financial Report Due
March 7 .....	Region 3 Policy Update (McKimmon Center, Raleigh)
March 10 (Monday) .....	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for February 2014)
March 11.....	Best Practice Award Nominations Deadline for Submission to NCDPI
March 12.....	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
March 13.....	Region 5 Policy Update Meeting
March 15.....	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for February 2014)
April 10 (Thursday) .....	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for March 2014)
April 15 (Tuesday) .....	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for March 2014)

### **\*\*When a deadline/due date falls on a weekend or holiday.**

1. When the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on a weekend or holiday the deadline for submitting the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the deadline moves to the next business day.
2. **REMEMBER**...the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any claim for reimbursement that is submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> with the "10 day" error message (Error Code 1401). The system does not differentiate a week day from a week end day. The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. *It is not necessary to contact the Child Nutrition office when you receive the error message in this situation.*
3. If a claim for reimbursement is submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> for any other reason, you must contact the NCDPI Child Nutrition office.
4. This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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Under the Federal Child Nutrition Program and USDA policy, discrimination is prohibited under the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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