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Recorded Webinars Available

In recent weeks School Nutrition Services has provided several webinars on various subjects. A presentation in each subject was recorded. Those recorded presentations are now available for you to view and/or download. Should you have questions about either webinar please contact the presenter(s).

New Direct Certification/Verification (DCV) System Training

Presenter: Jeff Merritt (jeffrey.merritt@dpi.nc.gov)

<http://www.screencast.com/t/buTB2y4dK>

Preparing the Free and Reduced Price Application and Verification Forms for Approval

Presenter: Karla Wheeler (karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov)

<http://www.screencast.com/t/Z5aJAXrwx>

School Nutrition Technology System Agreement Renewal

Presenters: Janet Johnson (janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov) & Karla Wheeler (karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov)

<http://www.screencast.com/t/7wwlbpGbli>

School Nutrition Technology System Agreement Renewal for Special Milk Program Sponsors

Presenter: Jacquelyn McGowan (Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov)

<http://www.screencast.com/t/SIKqAJWepft>

New Opportunities for After School Snack Programs

Recently, the USDA has reconsidered its "interpretation" of opportunities for students to enjoy snacks in the afternoon through the After School Snack Program. SFAs are now able to offer after school snacks to many groups of students, including athletic programs that meet after school. Attached is a fact sheet and Policy Memo that explain this more thoroughly. If interested in offering snacks to students, please remember you must enroll in the program, at the school level, before the SFA is officially approved. The SFA must be "officially approved" to offer the ASSP in each specific location before reimbursement may be claimed. If you have questions, please contact your Regional Child Nutrition Consultant.

The following websites are available for additional information about the ASSP:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/afterschool-snacks-faqs>

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/AfterschoolFactSheet.pdf>

[athletics.pdf](#)

[sp-04-2011.pdf](#)

158 NC Schools Selected for Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program SY 2014-15

On Thursday, June 5, 2014, the North Carolina State Board of Education voted and approved 158 elementary schools to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for SY 2014-2015. The NCDPI School Nutrition Services Section is currently preparing notification for all the schools that applied for the FF&VP, selected or not.

To view the NCDPI's FF&VP press release with access to the list of selected schools, please visit:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/newsroom/news/2013-14/20140605-01>

Kraft Foods Group Voluntarily Recalls Select Cottage Cheese Products Due to Out-of-Standard Storage Temperatures

Kraft Foods Group is voluntarily recalling select Knudsen Cottage Cheese, Breakstone's Cottage Cheese, Simply Kraft Cottage Cheese, and Daily Chef Cottage Cheese products. Some ingredients used in these products were not stored in accordance with Kraft's temperature standards.

For more information visit:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm397901.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

North Carolina Farm to School Newsletter

The latest edition of the NC Farm to School newsletter has been posted at

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/newsletter/documents/2014JuneFTSNewsletter.pdf>. This month's newsletter includes:

- Winners of the 2014-15 Calendar Art Contest
- Winner of the Apple Costume Naming Contest
- What's new for 2014-15

As always, please forward this link to anyone you know who may be interested in the NC Farm to School program and be sure to include information on your farm to school activities.

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Q&A – HACCP Verification

QUESTION: What is Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) verification and when should it be completed?

ANSWER: HACCP Verification is the process of evaluating the HACCP Plan to determine whether the standards are being properly implemented, monitored, and observations recorded. Each school nutrition operation must identify one individual who is responsible for verifying the HACCP Plan. Usually this will be the school team leader (i.e. school nutrition manager) or an administrative supervisor for the school. That individual is responsible for making sure that the HACCP Plan is verified before the beginning of the next school year. This is done to ensure that any non-compliant concerns are addressed prior to school opening. Completing this task at the end of the school year is recommended so that the plan updates are ready for the opening of school. School Nutrition Administrators may need to provide reminders and instructions about completing the form at the time designated for the School Food Authority (SFA).

Once the HACCP Verification Form is completed, file it (the most recent verification) in section 2-8: HACCP Verification. File previously completed HACCP verification reports with other Child Nutrition HACCP Records and keep for at least 3 years.

Action for Healthy Kids – Breakfast Grants

Breakfast Grants are still available. For more information visit the Action for Healthy Kids website at: <http://www2.actionforhealthykids.org/webmail/21152/92784490/9c05a83a7af304785737896ff4005313>

Vacancy Announcements

SFA Name: Harnett County Schools

Position Title: Child Nutrition Supervisor

See the attached vacancy for details and instructions for applying.

[harnett supvsr.pdf](#)

SFA Name: Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Schools

Position Title: Area Child Nutrition Supervisor

Closing: Open until filled.

See the attached vacancy for details and instructions for applying.

[cms supvsr.pdf](#)

Mark Your Calendar

June 10 (Tuesday) Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for May 2014)
June 15 (Sunday) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for May 2014)
June 18-19, 2014SNA-NC Annual Conference (Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC)
July 4 July 4 Holiday (State Offices Closed)
July 10 (Thursday).....Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for June 2014)
July 13-16..... SNA Annual National Conference (Boston)
August 10 (Sunday)..... Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for July 2014)

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