



School Nutrition Weekly Update

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****Reminder* Golden Key Awards***

The Golden Key Achievement Award program is designed to recognize the great accomplishments in a single school cafeteria. The purpose of the award is to promote benchmarks of excellence across North Carolina and to honor School Nutrition programs that maintain high standards. Please consider entering your schools so that they may be recognized for the outstanding work they are doing the School Nutrition program. The awards summaries are due by **April 15, 2016**. In addition, School Food Authorities may submit the one best plaque entry for consideration of the state-wide award that is presented for first, second, and third place at the School Nutrition Association of North Carolina annual conference and recognized at the North Carolina School Nutrition Administrator Conference.

Additional information along with the Golden Key Award Criteria Guide and the Award Summary Form are available on the [Awards and Recognition Opportunities](#) page of SN website.

NC Procurement Alliance Member Continuing Education Meeting & New Product Food Show

The annual Procurement Alliance Continuing Education Meeting and New Product Food Show is scheduled for **March 8-9, 2016** at the NCSU McKimmon center in Raleigh. The meeting will take place on the 8th and the food show will be held on the 9th. Procurement Alliance members will receive registration information from McKimmon, via email. SFAs that are not members of the Procurement Alliance are also welcome to attend and must contact Iyana Porter at importer@ncsu.edu for information. There is no fee to attend this event.

Should you have questions please contact Mary Sitton at mary.sitton@dpi.nc.gov.

****NOTICE* NC Safe Plates Exam Date Change***

Please make a note that the exam date for the March 2016 NC Safe Plates workshop has been rescheduled for March 10th (9am – 12pm). The classes will still take place on March 8-9. Please plan accordingly. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the workshop. If you have any questions please contact Susan Thompson at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov.

Continuing Education Opportunity

Workshop Title: [Smart Options](#)

Date: April 28-29, 2016

Time: The session will begin with registration at **8:00 am** on **April 28** and concludes at **12:45 PM** on **Friday, April 29**.

Location: Carteret County Schools Administrative Office,
107 Safrit Drive
Beaufort, NC 28516

Registration

The deadline to register is **April 21, 2016**. Please register for the workshop at:

<https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do;jsessionid=22E1C214CF1B93FA9A098177653911AD?meth od=load&courseId=5108160>

Description

This workshop is a continuing education course tailored for school nutrition professionals in North Carolina featuring local success stories from across the state. Smart Options covers the following key concepts: nutrition and physical activity guidelines, school nutrition regulations, methods for serving quality school meals, strategies for linking the cafeteria to the classroom with nutrition education, ways to promote school meals, and school wellness. This course meets the School Nutrition Association (SNA) Core Course requirements for Nutrition Education needed for SNA certification and participants will receive a certificate at the conclusion of the workshop.

Course Credit

The course provides **10 hours** of professional development continuing education credit for learning code **1300 General Nutrition**.

Meals & Travel

Lunch will be provided on Thursday; however participants are responsible for all other related expenses such as travel, lodging, additional meals, breaks, snacks, and beverages.

Important School Nutrition Dates

Remember: Any time a due date/deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, the deadline automatically extends to the next business day.

February 2016

Feb 10 (Wed) *NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Jan 2016)
Feb 15 (Mon) *FFVP* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Jan 2016)
Feb 15 Deadline to submit **Independent Review of Applications** form to State Agency

March 2016

March 2016..... [National Nutrition Month](#)
March 1-2..... SFSP Workshop (New Bern Convention Center)
Mar 1..... Due date Financial Form (FC-1A) for July 1 thru December 30 (*Semi-Annual Report*)
March 7-11..... [National School Breakfast Week](#)
Mar 10 (Thurs) *NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Feb 2016)
Mar 10 (Thurs) Best Practice Awards Nominations Due in State Agency office
Mar 15 (Tues)..... *FFVP* - Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement (for Feb 2016)
March 15-16..... SFSP Workshop (Deep River)
March 22-23..... SFSP Workshop (Hickory Metro Convention Center)

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