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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina to again sponsor Summer Food Service Program; Interest Meetings Set in Local Communities

RALEIGH, NC - Summer will be here before you know it and it is never too early to think about how some children will access nutritious meals, particularly the 250,000 on the free and reduced meal programs in the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina** 34-county service area. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) makes sure children in low-income areas can continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to school lunch or breakfast. In an effort to make certain children continue to receive nutritious meals, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina will again sponsor the SFSP throughout its 34 county service area. This will be the third year that the Food Bank has served as a SFSP sponsor. Interest meetings will be held throughout February at locations in Durham, New Bern, Greenville, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington.

For those interested in learning more about this program and how it can benefit children in your community, the Food Bank will be hosting **Summer Food Service Program Interest Meetings** at the following locations:

1. Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Sandhills
Conference Room, 195 Sandy Ave, Southern Pines, NC 28387
 - February 15
 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**RSVP to Michael Cotten 910-692-5959 ext 2404**
2. Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Wilmington
Conference Room, 1314 Marstellar St, Wilmington, NC 28402
 - February 18
 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**RSVP to Theresa Swenson 910-251-1465 ext 2204**
3. Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Greenville
Conference Room, 497 West 9th St, Greenville, NC 27834
 - February 21
 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**RSVP to Christal Andrews 252-752-4996 ext 2303**

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4. Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at New Bern
Conference Room, 205 S Glenburnie Rd, New Bern, NC 28562
 - February 22
 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**RSVP Christal Andrews 252-752-4996 ext 2303**

(In Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, and Vance counties)

5. East Regional Library
211 Lick Creek Lane Durham, NC 27703
 - February 23
 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**RSVP to Patrick Spencer 919-956-2513 ext 2103**

(In Raleigh and surrounding area)

6. Benson Area Community Center,
1204 North Johnson St, Benson, NC
 - February 24
 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Halifax Cooperative Extension Bldg,
359 Ferrell Lane, Halifax, NC 27839

- February 28
 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- RSVP to Stuart Jonap 919-865-3034**

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina sponsored 26 SFSP sites serving 55,627 meals to children during summer 2010. Join the Food Bank to help provide meals for children in our communities by becoming a partner with the SFSP for summer 2011.

Go to www.foodbankcenc.org for list of Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina Summer Food Service Program Interest Meetings date, time, location and contact persons.

About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina for 30 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines) and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the Food Bank distributed more than 41.5 million pounds of food and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, more than 500,000 struggle each day to provide enough food for their families. www.foodbankcenc.org.

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