NOTICE

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To: National School Lunch/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) Contractors
Subject: Join Team Nutrition

What is Team Nutrition?

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support National School Lunch/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) contractors. Becoming a Team Nutrition school will help your School Food Authority (SFA) focus attention on the important role of nutritious school meals, nutrition education and a school environment that helps students learn to enjoy healthy eating and physical activity. This Notice accompanies Notice NSLP/SBP 2005-11, Healthier US School Challenge.

What is Team Nutrition’s Goal?

Team Nutrition’s goal is to improve children’s lifelong eating and physical activity habits by using the principles of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPyramid.

NOTE: Being a Team Nutrition school is a requirement for participating in the HealthierUS School Challenge.

Team Nutrition has three behavior-focused strategies:

- Provide training and technical assistance for foodservice professionals that will enable them to prepare and serve nutritious meals that appeal to students.
- Promote nutrition curriculum and education in schools to reinforce positive nutrition messages and encourage students to make healthy food and physical activity choices as part of a healthy lifestyle.
- Build school and community support for creating healthy school environments that are conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

All program materials focus on five behavior outcomes:

- Eat a variety of foods.
- Eat more fruits, vegetables and grains.
- Eat lower fat foods more often.
- Eat calcium-rich foods.
- Be physically active.

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How Do You Become a Team Nutrition School?

To become a Team Nutrition school, visit the Team Nutrition website at http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/ and select “Join the Team” from the menu on the left-hand side of the webpage.

Print and complete the School Enrollment Form and mail the form to:

Team Nutrition
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 632
Alexandria, VA 22302
or
Fax the form to (703) 305-2549.

Team Nutrition Connections Newsletter

Attached is the Team Nutrition Connections newsletter, Vol. 8, No. 1. This newsletter includes information about:
• MyPyramid for Kids and instructions for ordering materials
• How to participate in the HealthierUS School Challenge
• The importance of having a Local Wellness Policy
• New materials available thru Team Nutrition
• How to join Team Nutrition and includes a Team Nutrition School Enrollment form

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Area Program Office.

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