

Free 2025 Summer Meals for Children in Story County

These sites provide **free meals to children 0-18**. Some require pre-registration and some are first come, first served. Please read on for instructions and to see if you must eat onsite or can take it away with you.

Note: United Way now also offers a guide of financial assistance available for children to attend local summer camps/programs. Many of these programs offer nutritious snacks and meals. Please visit www.uwstory.org/youth-summer-opportunities to learn more.

AMES:

Ames Public Library Auditorium (515 Douglas Avenue, Ames) - ALL summer: June 2 thru August 15
(No lunch 7/04).

- Free lunch for anyone 18 or younger, Monday thru Friday, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Notes: Meals are available for adults to purchase. No infant formula available.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County (210 South 5th Street, Ames) - June 9 thru August 8

- Free meals for any/all children (18 years or younger)
- On-site breakfast, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 8:30 am (No breakfast on 6/19, 7/03, 7/04)
- On-site lunch, Monday thru Friday, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (No lunch on 6/19, 6/24, 7/03, 7/04, 7/24)

Sawyer Elementary School (4316 Ontario Street, Ames) - June 9 thru July 17 (No meals 6/19)

- On-site breakfast, Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 - 8:00 am.
- On-site lunch, Monday thru Thursday, 11:15 am - 11:45 am

COLLINS:

Collins-Maxwell Elementary (Main Parking Lot, 414-4th Street) - June 3 thru August 22

- Grab-and-Go Lunch packs, Tuesdays & Fridays, 12:15 - 12:45 pm. Use QR code below to request meals.

COLO:

Colo-NESCO MS/HS (919 West Street) - June 9 thru July 25

- Grab-and-Go Lunch packs, Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:00 - 12:15 pm
- Contact Superintendent Marc Snaveley to sign up: msnaveley@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us

HUXLEY (+ deliveries in Cambridge, Kelley & Slater):

Ballard Middle School (509 N Main Ave, Huxley) - June 3 thru August 22* (*dates subject to change)

- Grab-and-Go Lunch + Meal Packs, Tuesdays & Fridays, 11:00 - 11:30 am.
- Meal deliveries also planned for **CAMBRIDGE, KELLEY & SLATER**. Times TBA.
- Please register at <https://forms.gle/diERfeBJRe18cfDa6> or by using the QR code →



MAXWELL:

Rolling Hills Mobile Home Park (By Parks office, Lot 119, 31100-653rd Ave) - June 3 thru August 22*

- Grab-and-Go Lunch, Tuesdays & Fridays, 11:00 - 11:20 am. Use QR code below to request meals.

*depending on turnout/interest

Collins-Maxwell High School (Main Parking Lot, 400 Metcalf Street) - June 3 thru August 22.

- Grab-and-Go Lunch, Tuesdays & Fridays, 11:30 am - 12 pm. Use QR code below to request meals.

QR code to request
Collins & Maxwell
meals. →



McCALLSBURG:

McCallsburg Elementary School (400 Latrobe Ave, McCallsburg) June 9 thru July 25

- Grab-and-Go Lunch packs, Mondays & Wednesdays, 11:15-11:30 am
- Contact Sup. Marc Snavely for questions or to sign up: msnavely@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us / 515-387-1115

NEVADA:

Nevada High School (1001 15TH Street, Nevada) – June 9 thru July 17

- On-site breakfast, Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 – 8:30 am
- On-site lunch, Monday thru Thursday, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

ZEARING:

Colo-NESCO Elementary (407 N. Center Street, Zearing) – June 9 thru July 25

- Grab-and-Go Lunch packs, Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:45 - 11:00 am
- Contact Sup. Marc Snavely for questions or to sign up: msnavely@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us / 515-387-1115

OTHER COMMUNITY OFFERINGS – Year-round free meals for all ages

Ames Food At First (West Entrance of First Christian Church, 611 Clark Avenue, Ames), 515-344-HELP

- Free hot meals, Sunday thru Friday, 5:45 – 6:15 pm and Saturdays, 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
- Free market available too, 3x per week (Monday, Thursday, Saturday). Learn more at www.foodatfirst.com or by calling 515-344-4357.

Nevada / Eastern Story County Food At First (Nevada First United Methodist Church, 1036-7th St, Nevada), 515-215-3904

- Free meals, Mondays & Thursdays.
- Carry-out from Nevada First UMC or at neighborhood meals stops in Nevada at Country Club Estates, Sunridge Estates, and Lil' Cubs Childcare.
- Meal stops also offered in Fernald, Colo, Maxwell, McCallsburg, and Zearing.
- Please place carry-out orders by 3:30 pm each day, in one of 3 ways:
 - Call or text at 515-215-3904
 - Scan QR code in orange frame at right →
 - Enter <https://bit.ly/3c3bfS9>



OTHER COMMUNITY OFFERINGS – Emergency Food Pantries



A complete list of emergency food pantries in all Story County communities can be found at www.uwstory.org/story-county-hunger-guide or by scanning the QR code to the left. Most pantries can be visited at least once per month.



211 – A HUB WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ASSORTED LOCAL RESOURCES



For 24-7 confidential, free access to information about other supportive resources – from mental health to housing supports to childcare and beyond:

- Dial 211
- Text your zip code to 898211
- Visit www.211iowa.org

- Last updated on 5/23/25