

## **Volunteering for 2020 Picnic in the Park Foodbank of Santa Barbara County**

### **What is Picnic in the Park?**

For many children who receive free and reduced-priced meals during the school year, summer can mean hunger. Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition. In fact, 84% of children in our county who receive free or reduced-priced lunches during the school year don't receive meal assistance during the summer, a time of critical brain development. That's 34,000 children in our community.

Picnic in the Park offers free, nutritious meals to ensure that summer is fun for **all** kids in our county.

We rely on community volunteers to help manage and support these meal distributions, by handing out lunches, conducting essential meal tracking, and ensuring the safety of our clients.

### **The Foodbank is seeking volunteers who:**

- Are able to commit to multiple shifts throughout the summer (ex: come every Wednesday or pick a week and come M-F) to provide continuity. Ideally, volunteers should be able to volunteer for at least five shifts during the summer.
- Are available for approximately two hours, start to finish, during lunchtime on weekdays during the period of June 8-August 7 (June 16-August 14 in Carpinteria).
- Are willing to undergo a brief criminal background check.
- Feel comfortable standing, bending and doing light lifting for 2-3 hours.
- Feel comfortable engaging with people face-to-face and enforcing social distancing and safety protocols.
- Are age 14 and up.
  - If you are a senior volunteer, we will continue to follow the advice of Santa Barbara Public Health and the CDC. As long as you are advised to stay at home by those agencies, the Foodbank encourages you to abstain from volunteer activities.

### **Site Leads are also needed who:**

- Are able to make an ongoing commitment beyond five shifts during the summer.
- Will coordinate communication between other volunteers, site staff, Foodbank staff, and PIP attendees.
- Will enforce the Federal guidelines/rules for free lunch service and ensure appropriate documentation is recorded each day.
- Will enforce social distancing and safety protocols.
- Will take on overall leadership of a site, including help with set-up, sign-in, and clean-up.
- Are able to attend a Zoom Orientation prior to the start of Picnic in the Park (if you are unable for the Orientation dates, but interested in being a Site Lead, please contact us).
- Are age 18 and up.

## How to Sign-Up to Volunteer

1. If you haven't already, create an account on VolunteerHub: [foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com](http://foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com).
  - If you already have an account, proceed to Step 2.
2. Contact your respective Foodbank Team Member letting them know you would like to volunteer for PIP with "PIP Volunteer" in your email headline. Indicate whether you are interested in also serving as a Site Lead in the body of your email and make sure you include your name as it appears on your VolunteerHub account in your email.
  - North County: Kelli Padilla ([kpadilla@foodbanksbc.org](mailto:kpadilla@foodbanksbc.org))
  - South County: Lena Childers ([lchilders@foodbanksbc.org](mailto:lchilders@foodbanksbc.org))
3. Your respective Foodbank Team Member will email you back instructing you to log back into your VolunteerHub account to begin the background check process. This is completed electronically through Sterling Volunteers.
  - If you do not have a Social Security Number, we can still process your background check.
  - Minors will not need to undergo a background check.
4. Once your background check has cleared, you will be able to sign-up for your preferred PIP shifts on VolunteerHub: [foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com](http://foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com).
5. We also encourage you to sign-up for a Picnic in the Park Volunteer Orientation; all Site Leads are required to attend one.

## Volunteer Orientation and Information Sessions

### Who should attend this Orientation?

Community members who meet the above criteria and are either ready to commit to volunteering for Picnic in the Park or who would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity. **All Picnic in the Park Site Leads are required to attend an orientation.** Please register for your preferred Orientation on VolunteerHub; these will all be conducted via Zoom:

- Monday, June 1 @ 5 PM
- Wednesday, June 3 @ Noon
- Thursday, June 4 @ 9 AM

If you do not have the ability to join a Zoom call, cannot attend one of the above dates, or need to be oriented in Spanish, please contact your respective Foodbank representative and we will coordinate an alternative orientation session:

- North County: Kelli Padilla ([kpadilla@foodbanksbc.org](mailto:kpadilla@foodbanksbc.org))
- South County: Lena Childers ([lchilders@foodbanksbc.org](mailto:lchilders@foodbanksbc.org))

## 2020 Volunteer-Run Picnic in the Park Sites

### North County Volunteer Sites:

#### **Minami Park**

600 W. Enos Drive, Santa Maria, CA

**Dates:** M-F, June 8 – August 7

**Volunteer Shift:** 11 AM-12:45 PM

#### **Grogan Park**

1155 W. Rancho Verde, Santa Maria, CA

**Dates:** M-F, June 8 – August 7

**Volunteer Shift:** 11:45 AM-1:30 PM

#### **Tunnell Park**

1100 N. Palisade Drive, Santa Maria, CA

**Dates:** M-F, June 8 – August 7

**Volunteer Shift:** 11:15 AM-1:15 PM

#### **Arrellanes Jr. High School**

1890 Sandalwood Drive, Santa Maria, CA

**Dates:** M-F, June 8 – August 7

**Volunteer Shift:** 10:30 AM – 1 PM

### South County Volunteer Sites:

#### **Santa Barbara Public Library**

40 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA

**Dates:** M-F, June 8 – August 7

**Volunteer Shift:** 11 AM-12:45 PM

#### **Carpinteria Middle School**

5351 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

**Dates:** M-F, June 16-August 14

**Volunteer Shift:** 12 -1:45 PM

#### **Goleta Sites**

If the above sites or shifts do not work for your schedule, Goleta Unified School District is also in need of volunteers to assist with their summer meal services at several sites. If you are interested in volunteering in Goleta, please reach out to Kim Leung at [kleung@goleta.k12.ca.us](mailto:kleung@goleta.k12.ca.us).