

"HAWKS LUNCH BUNCH"

Summer Youth Food Program
For Gallatin County

Sponsored by the City of Shawneetown

Served at Ohio Valley General Baptist Church

In Shawneetown

May 1, 2020

Dear Community Leader:

The Ohio Valley General Baptist Church sponsored by the City of Shawneetown will once again provide meals to the children of Gallatin County (ages 1-18) in the Summer Food Service Program administered by the Illinois Board of Education and Partially funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These meals will continue with what the school is providing now during this COVID-19 pandemic. This is the fifth year for the program with the City of Shawneetown being the sponsor.

"HAWKS LUNCH BUNCH" will be starting up this year effective May 18, 2020 due to the school ending their meal program effective May 15, 2020. Plans are to provide meals for Monday through Friday until school resumes in August.

This is uncharted territory this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 program is still in the planning stage at present, but we are expecting to have our plan come together in time for the meals to be ready Monday May 18.

Meals will be prepared at the Ohio Valley General Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 188 Church Street in Shawneetown, with scheduled pick-up dates to be announced. We are hoping to continue meals as provided by the school, but that is still in the planning process.

Though Ohio Valley General Baptist serves as the site and the City of Shawneetown is the sponsor of this program, other local churches and community organizations provide volunteers and funding. We encourage your participation as well.

Parents and caregivers may also receive a lunch with the children at no cost. Funds for adult meals are provided by sources (like you) outside the USDA. Donations are currently being accepted by the city and are fully tax-deductible.

- Donations may be made to and mailed to City of Shawneetown, Summer Youth Food Program, P.O. Box 427, Shawneetown, IL 62984.

To summarize and clarify, the funds you donate will be used to prepare meals for children, parents, caregivers, and volunteers; purchase extra food for kids and packaging; and help to promote Hawks Lunch Bunch to children and families throughout Gallatin County.

- If you would like to help volunteer/support/participate or need more information about Hawks Lunch Bunch, you may contact Anita Golden call/text @ 618-525-4128. We also have a Facebook page: Hawks Lunch Bunch. On it I will update plans as soon as it all comes together.

A planning meeting in person this year will not be possible. Let's help children and families in Gallatin County have a great summer!

Anita Golden
Site Coordinator