



Celebrate Summer Local!!



Farm to Summer Sponsors Planning Checklist

For all those Summer Meal Sites interested in participating in the 2018 Alaska Farm to Summer Week Celebration July 23-28, here is a quick checklist to follow that will help guide you through this fun event! We have included lots of resources and ideas throughout this toolkit that we hope will help you bring local products into your meal sites to focus on eating, playing, and sharing the celebration of local Alaska foods. Enjoy and please ask us any questions along the way – we are here to help.

Before July creeps up on us, here are some planning ideas to help you prepare for your Alaska Farm to Summer Week Celebration:

Eat.

- What local items are you already using?
- What menu items could you easily swap for local items?
- What is the best source for you to procure the local items (convenience, cost, and availability)?

Play.

- Consider potential community partners who may be interested and available to volunteer during your celebration.
- Brainstorm activities that could take place at your site during the Week (we have added two documents in this toolkit to help you find great ideas: Activity Resources and Resources).
- Modify existing learning games into Alaska-focused activities (example: play a game of beanbag hot potato and talk about Alaska potatoes as you play).

Share.

- How can you share your celebration with your community during the Week?
- Which community partners will help you share your celebration?
- How can you feature your Alaska-sourced menu to your community?
- Contact Alicia Maryott, Beth Seitz, or Ann-Marie Martin at Child Nutrition Programs or Jodie Anderson at Alaska Farm to School (see Resources page for contact information) to let them know if you are participating in the Alaska Farm to Summer Week celebration!!
- Plan your celebration! – For example, contact potential partners, plan procurement, select activities, identify opportunities to share, and consider how you can track your success (see Resources page for one possible method you might use)
- Celebrate!!! – Tell your community what you did, how you did it, and how much everyone loved it!!! ENJOY!
- Let US know what you did!! **It isn't bragging if it is true!!!** Send us pictures, descriptions, post in social media with **#akfarmtosummerweek** – also, if you complete a short participation survey, you will be entered to win prizes!!