

Fee Waiver Staff Report

Date:
To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager
From: Steve Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation *SS*
CC: Morgan Morehart, Parks Operations Manager
Subject: **Fee Waiver Request in the amount of \$250.00 for Douglas County School District Nutrition Services at Challenger Park, parking lot area**

Board of County Commissioners Hearing: **May 12, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.**

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Douglas County School District Nutrition Services requests a fee waiver of \$250.00 for the use of Challenger Park for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meal distribution.

II. BACKGROUND

Douglas County School District Nutrition Services provides free, nutritious meals to children aged 18 and under during the summer months when school meals are not available. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) supports children experiencing food insecurity by offering easily accessible meal locations throughout the community. The organization expresses its willingness to coordinate logistics and address any questions regarding hosting the program at the park.

III. REQUEST

Douglas County School District Nutrition Services is requesting a fee waiver of \$250.00 for the use of Challenger Park, parking lot area, for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meal distribution.

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the event fee of \$250.00 for Douglas County School District Nutrition Services.

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To: Douglas County Board of Commissioners

I hope this letter finds you well. Douglas County School District Nutrition Services is expressing our interest in utilizing Challenger Park as a site for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to serve free meals to children aged 18 and under in our community.

The SFSP plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity among children, particularly during the summer months when access to school meals is limited. By providing nutritious meals at convenient locations within the community, the program ensures that children have access to the sustenance they need to thrive, regardless of their socioeconomic background.

We believe that Challenger Park would serve as an ideal site for the SFSP again this year. Last year, we served 37,000 summer meals around Douglas County, with 3,500 lunches at Challenger Park alone. Your willingness to partner with us in this endeavor would greatly contribute to the success of the summer 2025 program, and make a positive impact on the lives of numerous children and families in our community.

If you are open to the idea of hosting the SFSP at your location, we would be happy to discuss our logistics and operational details further. We understand that you may have questions or concerns about hosting the SFSP, and we would welcome the opportunity to address them. Our team is committed to ensuring a seamless and mutually beneficial partnership. We also are seeking the waiver of the fee of \$250 for using the park during the summer to serve free meals to the children of our community.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to the possibility of working together to bring the Summer Food Service Program to Challenger Park and making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this further or to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

With appreciation,
Tara Johnson

Douglas County School District – Nutrition Services