



Holiday Snack Ideas

Kids are more likely to eat fruit and veggies when they are in fun shapes or when they create the snack themselves.

Grinch Kabobs

Strawberries, Banana slices, grapes and mini marshmallows poked on a toothpick. Delicious and Fun!



String Cheese Snowman

Help children create a snow man on the outside wrapper of a string cheese with a ribbon scarf, paper hat and markers. Simple yet tasty.



Reindeer Pretzel Treats

Mini pretzel twists with a softened candy piece, add eyes, nose and antlers from a broken pretzel.

If you haven't used our website recently, there are many helpful tools available at the click of your mouse. From our recipe book to W-10 tax forms to give each of your clients at the end of the year. Poke around on the website, you never know what you might find.

www.wildwoodonline.org

Corona Virus Update

As the corona virus continues to impact daily life across the world, it's likely that you have fewer children in your care and are being asked to do more cleaning and record keeping than ever before. We want you to know how important you are to Wildwood and to the families that depend on you every day to care for their most precious resources. These are uncharted waters. Children are doing distance learning. Adults are working from home whenever possible, and we are adapting as we go through this unexpected challenge to meet the needs of our customers while also staying as safe as possible. If there is anything that we can do to provide additional support, please let us know. We can send training and forms to ensure you have what you need to submit your menus and claim each month.

Wildwood is open. Our staff have found a balance of working from home, doing virtual/phone visits, and social distancing while in the office.



Recycled Craft Ideas

Save money and use what you already have on hand by making fun, winter (or holiday) crafts from empty toilet paper tubes. With a few scraps of paper or felt, googly eyes, or markers, the kids can create fun characters.



Support Small Business by Submitting your claim

Wildwood is a small, non-profit business which sponsors child care programs participating in the USDA food program. For every claim submitted each month, Wildwood receives a small payment from the state to help cover the cost of keeping our offices open. These administrative funds cover expenses for office space, utilities, and staff.

We have heard from providers who are not submitting claims during the pandemic due to fewer children in their care. However, just as each child matters to the success of your business, each provider matters to the success of Wildwood.

No matter how big or small your claim may be, one day, one meal, or one child, Wildwood only gets paid when claims are submitted each month. If providers do not submit a claim, Wildwood does not get paid. We are asking for your help to submit a claim each month (no matter how small) to support our small business so that we may continue to support you and other child care providers.

Holiday Hours for Wildwood Offices:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 26 Offices Closed

Day after Thanksgiving: Friday, Nov. 27 Offices Closed

Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec. 24 Offices Closed

Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25 Offices Closed

New Years Eve: Thursday, Dec. 31 Offices Open

New Years Day: Friday, Jan. 1 Offices Closed



CORNER

CLAIMS

We want you to receive the most money possible each month. Claims Corner has useful reminders and hints to help you do just that.

- Reminder: one whole grain-rich item is now required each day. We must make deductions when providers don't mark the whole grain-rich item each day. If a whole grain-rich item is not marked, then the meal with the lowest reimbursement will be disallowed (not reimbursed).
- Please continue to mark School-age children "Out of School" each day that they are in your care due to distance learning.
- If you are open and provide care on a holiday, please make note on your claim to let us know that you were open.

Helpful Hint: When Scanning or sending a photo of records to Wildwood, please open the document before sending to ensure it is clear and legible before sending. By opening the form before sending, you can verify that it is clear. If you can read it, then it's likely our staff will be able to read it also.

Resources from National CACFP 2020 Circus Acts: Lessons for Life Calendar

[December Parent Connections Link](#)

[December Circus Acts Child Activities Link](#)

[Monthly Motivation Poster Link](#)

Visit www.CACFP.org for more resources

Site Reviews by Phone

Site reviews are being done by phone to limit exposure and protect the health of all parties. Wildwood will complete 3 reviews per year for each program. If your program representative leaves a message, please call them back as soon as possible to complete the phone review. Incomplete program reviews may result in meal disallowances and/or deductions.

Let us know if you have questions or need additional menus, attendance, or enrollment forms. 303-730-0460

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO October claims for processing is December 18, 2020.**

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO November claims for processing is January 22, 2020.**

Hints for daily Whole Grain-Rich Requirement

Serving a whole grain at breakfast is easy. Choose a cereal like Kix, Berry Cheerios, Life, or Frosted Mini Wheats. Other options: whole wheat toast, whole wheat (WW) bagels, WW English muffins, or oatmeal. (All oatmeal is Whole Grain.) We have added resources on our website to help provider determine what foods qualify as Whole Grain-Rich.

Find WHOLE GRAIN-RICH RESOURCES under "What's New?"

2020 Colorado training deadline: December 30

If you have not already done so, please complete the training topics below as soon as possible to reduce stress during the holidays. If you prefer paper courses, let us know, and we'll mail them to you.

[Civil Rights Online Training 2020](#)

[Online Nutrition Training 2020](#)

[Online Program Training 2020](#)



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