



## Happy New Year!

A message from Wildwood President, Kati Wagner:

The Wildwood team sends our heartfelt appreciation for you! As you know, 2020 has been more challenging than we ever could have imagined at the start of the year. Child care providers are the unsung heroes who continue to offer care, despite the personal risk to themselves and their families.

A bright spot in 2020 was the waivers granted by USDA to allow meals to be sent home for hungry children, food component substitutions when food shortages occur, and Wildwood representatives doing reviews by phone instead of coming to your home.

The Wildwood team is excited for the new year with hope that the pandemic will ease as vaccines become available. We thank you for your dedication to providing a safe haven to the children and families in your community. We wish you health, happiness, faith, hope, peace and prosperity in the new year.

### Resources from National CACFP 2021

#### Life in 3D: Play, Art, Nutrition Calendar

[January Parent Connections Link](#)

[January Child Activities Link](#)

[Monthly Motivation Poster Link](#)

Visit [www.CACFP.org](http://www.CACFP.org) for more resources

### 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 each claim submitted, Wildwood receives a small payment from to help cover the cost of keeping our offices open.

We understand that providers may not submit a claim 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 if claims are submitted. 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.

### Winter Craft Idea: Stained Glass Sun-catchers

Use a mitten shape, like the sample below, or any other simple shape to frame colorful sun-catchers.



Start by giving children a piece of waxed paper. Next, have children glue small pieces of thin, brightly colored tissue paper to the wax paper. Tissue pieces should overlap slightly in all directions leaving no white space in between. When the child has covered the desired area, glue a second piece of wax paper on top of the tissue to cover "seal-in" the tissue paper and glue. Allow to dry. Older children (or an adult) can cut out two identical mitten outlines (2 per mitten) that will frame the colorful mosaic. After the frame is attached to both sides of the wax paper, cut off any edges so that none of the wax paper extends beyond the frame/boarder. Hang finished artwork in a window to brighten a cold winter day.



### EXTRA-EXTRA...Update to Site Reviews

#### Requirements from USDA

Wildwood received clarification from USDA regarding phone review requirements. This information impacts providers and may result in meal deductions, so we want you to know the details. Site reviews are being done by phone to limit exposure and protect the health of all parties. Wildwood is required to complete 3 reviews per year for each provider, with at least 2 of those reviews being unannounced. If your program representative calls and leaves a message about doing a review, please call them back within 24 hours to complete the phone review. If we don't hear from you, we will try text and/or email to let you know a review is needed. After a review, we will ask providers to send in additional documentation, like Sign-In/Out records for verification. Incomplete program reviews will result in meal disallowances and deductions per USDA guidelines.





## 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 (WGR) item is required each day. We must make deductions when WGR item is not marked each day. When making deductions, the meal with the lowest reimbursement will be disallowed (not reimbursed).
- School-age children who are in child care Monday – Friday during distance learning (when school would usually be in session) must be marked as “Out of School” so that meals are not disallowed. To mark “Out of School” in KidKare, select the child, then click on the “lines” next to the child’s name. This opens a list of options. From this list, select “Sch Out” each day the child is in care due to distance learning.
- If you are open and provide care on a holiday, like Christmas or New Years, please make note on your claim to let us know that you were open.

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

**\*The last day we can receive original WY & CO December claims for processing is February 22, 2020.**



### **Holiday Hours for Wildwood Offices:**

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

If you haven’t visited the Wildwood website recently, we have added several free training courses for 2021. Take a peek at our recipes or download W-10 tax forms for your clients at the end of the year. Poke around on the website, you never know what you might find.

[www.wildwoodonline.org](http://www.wildwoodonline.org)

### **Hints for daily Whole Grain-Rich Requirement**

Looking for Whole Grain Rich Crackers? Here are a few crackers that DO meet the WGR requirement of 50% or more whole grain ingredients: Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Whole Grain Cheez-Its, Whole Grain Goldfish, & Nabisco Teddy Grahams.

Crackers that are NOT WGR: Multigrain Ritz, Multigrain Club crackers, Multigrain Saltines and generic versions of the items listed above. Remember that Multigrain does not mean the same as Whole Grain Rich.

Beware of Graham Crackers and Pretzels as not all brands are Whole Grain Rich. Check to see if the first ingredient is Whole Wheat Flour. If it is, check to see that the next 2 grain ingredients listed are either whole or enriched. When the first ingredient is NOT Whole Wheat Flour, the item is not WGR.

If you would like help checking a food label, take a picture of the front and back panel of the product and email them to your field rep or the office staff.

We have added resources on our website to help providers determine which foods qualify as Whole Grain-Rich.

**Find WHOLE GRAIN-RICH RESOURCES under “What’s New?”**

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