

## Have you heard of the Thankful Tree?

Research shows that those who take time to appreciate who/what they are thankful for find it easier to stay positive in difficult situations. Although 2020 has been a challenging year, we each have many things to be thankful for.



Consider creating a “Thankful Tree” in your program. Start by making a large tree trunk with empty branches. Cut the tree shape out of brown, paper grocery bags or paint the trunk on a large piece of paper. Hang the tree in a place where children can reach to add “leaves” and talk about what they appreciate. (hanging on a door or on the refrigerator) Next, cut out leaf shapes from colored paper.

You may choose to read “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein or other books about being thankful. As you talk with the children about what they are thankful for, share ideas, people and/or things you appreciate, and help children to write each item on a leaf to hang on the tree. Each child will likely have several leaves to hang and the project can continue for the entire month to add more and more leaves.

## 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, Wildwood only gets paid based on the number of claims submitted. When providers choose not to submit a claim, Wildwood does not get paid. We are asking for your help to submit a claim each month to support our small business so that we may continue to support yours.

## Thanksgiving Turkey

These fun, festive turkeys are made from recycled cardboard tubes and paper scraps leftover from other projects. Ask older children to cut out feathers for the younger ones. Each turkey will be unique.



**Happy Thanksgiving from the Wildwood Team**



## CLAIMS

## CORNER

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

- Thank you for marking Whole Grain Rich items on menus to help our staff to easily identify WG items served each day.
- 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. If a photo is blurry or you have used light-colored ink, we may not be able to read the details. By opening the form before sending, you can verify that it is clear. If you can read it, then it is likely that our staff will be able to read it also.

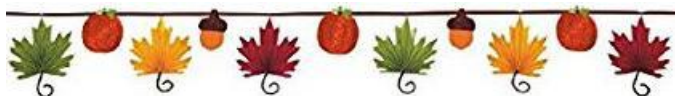
### Resources from National CACFP 2020 Circus Acts: Lessons for Life Calendar

[November Parent Connections Link](#)

[November Circus Acts Child Activities Link](#)

[Monthly Motivation Poster Link](#)

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



### Site Reviews by Phone

Site reviews are being done over the phone to limit exposure and protect the health of all parties. This is due to a waiver by USDA which has been extended through September 30, 2021. 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 menus, attendance, or enrollment forms. 303-730-0460

**\*The last day we can receive original WY & CO September claims for processing is November 20, 2020.**

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

### 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**

### 2020 Colorado training deadline: December 30

If you have not already done so, please complete the training topics below by the end of November 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 Training2020](#)

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