



LAST WEEK WEEK TO REGISTER FOR

SNAPA 2024 Annual Conference

General Info

July 15th deadline to register online

July 29th - August 1st
Kalahari Resort & Conventions
(Pocono Manor, PA)

Events to look forward to

Opening Session words from
Keynote Speaker, Clancy
Harrison

Food show on Wednesday, July
31st

We are eager to see you in a few weeks!
Registration is ongoing for the 2024 SNAPA Annual Conference, July 29 - August 1, 2024!
We welcome you to be "Back for More in '24!"
To register for this year's conference, click the registration button below. For more information, visit our conference webpage [HERE](#).

The Food Show to be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024

All SNAPA members will be required to register through SNAPA's online registration system by July 15, 2024. Please note that SNAPA will be utilizing a new registration system for this year's conference. All active members will be able to register utilizing the link below.

MEMBERS REGISTER HERE
PARTNERS REGISTER HERE

National School Lunch Week

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly 30 million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom.

#NSLW24 will be celebrated October 14-18, 2024.



Pennsylvania Policy Update

BUDGET WEEK PASSES BILLS REGARDING SCHOOL MEALS

House Bill 2180: School Meal Debt Fund

Passed the House on July 1, 2024 (145-57)

This bill amends the Public School Code of 1949 to provide a School Meal Debt Fund aiming to eliminate meal debt in schools.

A proposed plan seeks to **wipe out nearly \$80 million in school meal debt** across Pennsylvania. Additionally, it aims to introduce a **free meal program** in public schools.

A SNIP OF SNAPA'S RESPONSE:

“School lunch debt is a problem, no doubt. But the current legislative proposal (H.B. 2180) to spend \$80 million of state dollars to eliminate past lunch debt does not help address the problem of feeding our kids today.”

House Bill 2420: Keystone Fresh Program

Engrossed on July 1 2024 - 50% progression

This program aims to **enhance access to fresh and nutritious food**. It includes the **Fresh Schools Grant Program, Keystone Producer Grant Program, and Keystone Assistance Grant Program**. Additionally, the bill establishes the **Keystone Fresh Fund**.

The administration of the Keystone Fresh Program falls under the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Free Resources

LEARN HOW TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Why School Meals for All?
FRAC: Top 10 Reasons to Support Healthy School Meals for All
FRAC: The Case for Healthy School Meals for All
School Meal Statistics

[CLICK HERE](#)



Federal Policy Update

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released federal guidelines for income eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals and free milk for the 2024-25 school year. These guidelines will **help more families access resources for school meals.**

Senators Bob Casey and John Fetterman introduced two bills to **expand access to free or reduced-price school meals:**

Legislation includes...

1. The School Hunger Elimination Act
2. The Nutrition Red Tap Reduction Act

[READ KEY LEGISLATIVE POINTS HERE](#)



“School Food for Thought”

SEASON TWO STREAMING NOW

Currently, the first three episodes are available and three more will be released next week. Grab those headphones and enjoy a podcast by SNA.

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Food Allergy Awareness

VISIT SNA'S FOOD ALLERGY RESOURCE CENTER

Peanuts, milk, shellfish, eggs, soy and wheat are just some of the food allergies that school nutrition professionals must navigate to prepare nutritious meals for students.

[RESOURCES HERE](#)