

## 2025 Will be year 13 for Campton/Thornton Got Lunch

### What is GOT LUNCH! all about?



It was started in 2011 in Laconia by a guy named John Walker who wondered: "Where do all the kids who eat their meals at school get their food during the summer?"

The answer was, THERE ARE NO SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS IN PLACE!!! Crazy right?

So, with help, John started GOT LUNCH! and assisted other towns like ours. There are now more than 18 communities following the GOT LUNCH! Model.

### Where does the money come from? And, Who can sign up for GOT LUNCH?



In Campton-Thornton, we make most of our money from donations, grants and yard sales. Any family can sign up (no financial requirements) so we are not eligible for state or federal assistance. **That's why we need donations, grants and food.** Also, we get food from drives at our schools, like **Peanut Butter, Jelly and Mayo Madness**, that really help keep our costs down in the summer. Campton's Student Council and Thornton's National Honor Society have done a great job supporting GOT LUNCH!



AND--Our non-profit status allows us to buy food from the NH FOOD BANK; they have great prices so we save \$\$\$\$\$\$.



#### So, how does the program actually operate?

Volunteer packers meet every Monday morning

during summer vacation at Campton Congregational Church @8 am. **First**, they pack 50 or so reusable bags full of food. One week's bag might be: 5 cans of tuna, 1 jar of mayo, 1 loaf of bread, a bag of celery, 5 apples, and, usually, a voucher that can be used for milk or cheese at a local store. If there is more than one kid, they get more food; math is everywhere!



**Next**, at 8:30ish, volunteer drivers leave in pairs with back seats full of packed grocery bags and a list of the addresses of 4-8 families expecting them. Chat with your partner, drop off food bags at homes, return to the Church to turn in your list and you are done. It's easy & fun!

**Last:** check out our awesome website: [www.gotlunchcamptonthornton.com](http://www.gotlunchcamptonthornton.com)  
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