

SPROUT SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

2022

Background

Sprout Summer Lunch Program completed its third successful summer. This initiative aims to ensure families in Teton County have access to healthy, nutritious lunches throughout the 12 weeks of summer.

This summer's efforts focused on strengthening existing community relationships to bolster utilization of existing Sprout access points including camp deliveries, Sprout Mobile, and Sprout Stands. We added new partners to our activity offerings, offered local businesses a chance to cook food for the menu, incorporated community built public art structures, and for the first time had a 100% Spanish-speaking Sprout Team. All of this is in addition to our tried and true partnerships such as Teton County Library's free books and One22's Unified Summer Scholarships.

The community outreach efforts paid off, as the Sprout Mobile and Sprout Stands saw a 23% and 92% increase in daily use, respectively. Overall, 7331 lunches were served, a 24% increase compared to 2021.



KEY PARTNERS

FRIENDS OF PATHWAYS

GRAND TETON MUSIC FESTIVAL

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

JACKSON HOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

JACKSON HOLE PUBLIC ART

JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WILDLIFE ART

TETON COUNTY LIBRARY

TETON COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

TETON LITERACY CENTER

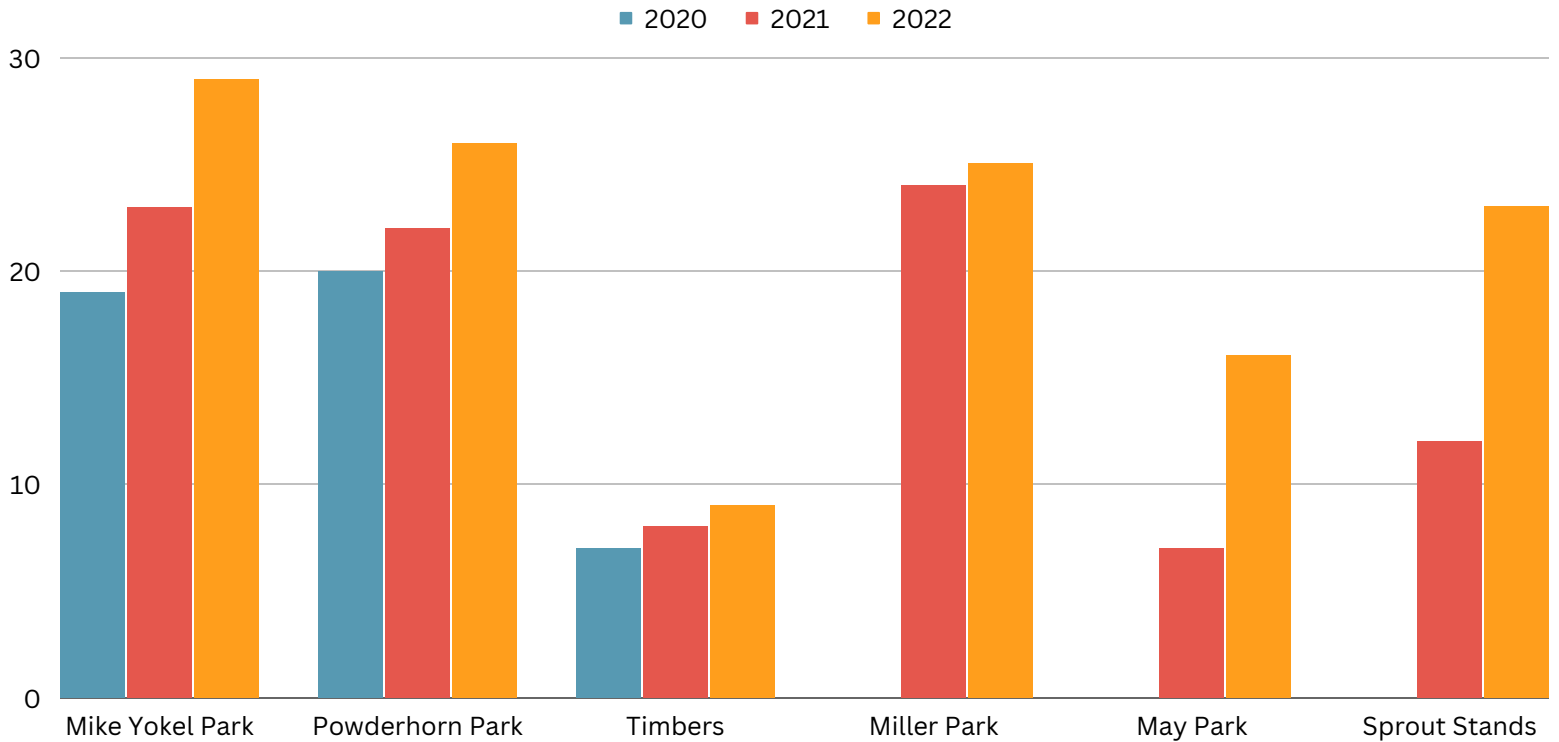
TETON RAPTOR CENTER

TETON YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

VERTICAL HARVEST

WYOMING STARGAZING

Average lunches served per day from 2020 - 2022



Teton County Library Foundation & Friends

Thanks to the Teton County Library Foundation & Friends, we were able to provide free, donated books at the Sprout Mobile. Every child had the opportunity to take a book home or to read while they ate their lunches. Over the course of the summer, we gave out 1,305 books.

“WE LOVE IT SO MUCH! WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING FROM THE FOOD TO THE BOOKS AND EXTRA ACTIVITIES! MY KIDS LOOK FORWARD TO IT!”





Sprout Team

Daniela and Martha

HFR continued to partner with the Coombs Outdoors' Empower program, bringing on Daniela Bedolla Zarate as the Sprout Intern. Daniela consistently brought joyful energy to her role of distributing lunches, while also taking on data entry for the program. She was joined by our Sprout Driver, Martha Davila, whose love for all families in the community helped create a warm environment.

In addition, our Prep Cook Alex Ramos has become a staple of Sprout, ensuring that all the lunches are prepped with the help of volunteers. Topped off with HFR's Program Manager, Iván Jiménez, the Sprout team was 100% bilingual. Thanks to the efforts of our incredible staff, we grew our community and increased food access.



Local Food Partnerships

This year's menu featured fun entrees and snacks from local businesses. Dispersed over five Fridays, these partnerships offered kids a chance to try new foods like tamales from Rosa's Tamales or plant-based cookies from Let Nature Nurture.

In addition, we were able to offer fresh locally grown produce every week thanks to our continued partnership with Slow Foods in the Tetons and Vertical Harvest. Items included cherries, sugar snap peas, donut peaches, carrots, microgreens, and more!

Many thanks to our local business partners who made this possible:

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| D.O.G. BURRITOS | LET NATURE NURTURE |
| YEAH BUDDY PIZZA | PEARL STREET BAGELS |
| ROSA'S TAMALES | PINKY G'S PIZZERIA |



“THE STAFF WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND GREAT WITH MY KIDS. MY KIDS LOVED "ORDERING" LUNCH.”



Sprout Stands progress

In 2021, we launched the Sprout Stands as an after-work access point, Monday-Thursday, 5-6pm. In their first year, Sprout Stands provided lunches for families who could not make it during the regular hours, but it did not have the usage we had hoped.

This year, after gathering feedback from participants, we moved the time back to allow more time for parents returning from work. We also built relationships with leaders in those communities so they could spread the word amongst themselves.

On top of these efforts, JH Public Art constructed beautiful stands with repurposed materials that provided a physical beacon to indicate free lunches. These efforts led to a 92% increase in daily lunches distributed at the Sprout Stands.