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# EFAA NEWSLETTER

- From Participants For Participants -

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## Summer is almost here!



### Discount admission and services for Colorado EBT holders

Individuals and families who participate in the Colorado Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are also eligible to enjoy deeply discounted admissions to participating museums and cultural centers throughout the state just by showing their EBT card when purchasing tickets. In addition, some organizations are offering discounts for the services they provide.

<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/ebt-discounts>

### City of Boulder Recreation Discounts and Promotions

Older Adults: Silver Sneakers, Renew Active, One Pass, Silver&Fit SilverSneakers, Renew Active, One Pass and Silver&Fit are programs encouraging older adults to participate in physical activities that will help them to maintain greater control of their health. Many insurance companies offer these benefits to their members which allows them to access the Boulder recreation centers and participate in activities - including virtual - at no charge.

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/recreation-discounts-promotions>

### Unlimited Summer Fun Pass

Available for online purchase. Includes access to the Boulder Recreation Centers, outdoor pools and Boulder Reservoir. Valid from Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day

Note: Beginning June 2, purchasing monthly passes is generally more cost-effective.

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### Military and Public Service Discounts

A 15% discount on monthly or annual passes is available to Active Military & Veterans; Local, State, Federal Government employees in the city of Boulder; Library, University and School District employees in the city of Boulder. Current proof of public service employment required for every purchase.

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### Veterans

A free one time issuance of a 90-day pass will be given to veterans who discharge from active duty after Sept 11, 2001, and live within the city limits of Boulder. You will need your DD-214 form showing the discharge date and proof of your current address within the city

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## Summer fun for families



**PLAYpass:** Will reopen for the summer/fall season on May 1, 2025, with a closing date of June 5, 2025. Approval of eligible participants will be determined through a lottery after June 6, 2025. To be eligible, individuals must be Boulder County residents; be between the ages of 0 and 17; and be able to provide documentation of participation in an assistance program such as: free/reduced-price lunch, SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, or Boulder Parks & Recreation financial assistance. For questions about PLAYpass, please call 720-791-2460 (Spanish spoken) or [PLAYpass@playboulder.org](mailto:PLAYpass@playboulder.org).

**City of Boulder:** Offers general day camps for youth ages 5-13, where we can provide inclusion support for youth of all abilities. Rates are listed as resident/non-resident. The resident rate is for individuals who live within the City of Boulder limits. Residents who need additional support can also request financial assistance and/or a game pass. CCAP is also accepted for some programs. For more information, contact Lori at 303-413-7125 or email Goldman at [GoldmanL@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:GoldmanL@bouldercolorado.gov).

**City of Boulder EXPAND:** Enhancing the lives of people with disabilities through the fun of recreation while promoting development and growth through programs. These specialized camps are based at Summit Middle School, where we play, socialize with peers, and take field trips to explore our community. To register by phone, call 303-413-7270. For more information, visit [www.bprexpand.org](http://www.bprexpand.org).



**Summer EBT** is a program that provides nutritious meals to eligible students during the summer months when they are not in school. It consists of a one-time payment of \$120 for each eligible child in your family. Students who received the Colorado Summer EBT Card last year (2024) and continue to meet eligibility requirements will receive the 2025 benefits on their current Summer EBT card. For more information, please call 800.536.5298, email [cdhs\\_sebt\\_supportcenter@state.co.us](mailto:cdhs_sebt_supportcenter@state.co.us), or visit their website at [cdhs.colorado.gov/summer-ebt](http://cdhs.colorado.gov/summer-ebt).



The YMCA offers fantastically fun summer experiences where children play, create, dive, explore, move, and connect. The YMCA accepts unlimited CCAP for currently enrolled families for most summer camps and childcare programs and can also provide financial assistance when CCAP is not available. The YMCA does not inquire about immigration status. This financial assistance is available for membership, sports programs, swim lessons, and the new Boulder YMCA Early Childhood Education programs, which also provides full-time childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. For more information, visit [www.ymcanoco.org](http://www.ymcanoco.org).



EFAA will be closed the week of July 4th





## History on EFAA's Food Bank

EFAA began operating in 1918 under the name "Social Service Child Welfare Association of Boulder." It initially focused on helping women and children and played a crucial role during the Great Depression of the 1930s, as many children in Boulder lacked access to adequate food. Beginning in 1960, EFAA started to help the entire family.

Currently, EFAA offers five services to the community: financial assistance, family housing, children, youth, and family program, economic empowerment, and a food bank, which is what we'll talk about today.

The food bank is led by Walter O'Toole, Shari Mukundan, and María Mestas, and is supported by more than 150 volunteers each week. They serve more than 400 families each week, who either visit the food bank in person or receive food delivered to their homes.

The food bank provides the community primarily through donations. 53% come from the organization "Community Food Share," and the remaining donations come from supermarkets, individuals, the TEFAP program, and 13% is purchased directly by EFAA. EFAA conducts an annual survey to understand community needs and purchases food accordingly. It generally purchases fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, frozen meats, and holiday foods.

The food bank helps reduce food waste and aims to minimize waste as much as possible, including sending hard-to-recycle plastics to CHARM, sending food waste to pig farmers, and finding partners to reuse boxes and packaging materials.

Volunteers are the most important resource for the food bank's operations. They organize home deliveries, receive and process donations, stock food shelves, and inspect food according to EFAA's expiration date extension policies. There is also a truck driver and an assistant, both volunteers, who collect donations daily; two truck unloaders who unload between 2,000 to 8,000 pounds of food; and others who package bulk food each week.

Thanks to the food bank, many Boulder families benefit, and there are many ways we can contribute to keeping it running as well as it should, or even better. You can contribute as a volunteer, either once or periodically, or by donating food or money. To find out what you can donate, you can visit the website: <https://www.efaa.org/donate/food-goods/>, or you can organize a food drive with your community! Any help is welcome. If you'd like to learn more or have questions about how to contribute, please email to [foodbank@efaa.org](mailto:foodbank@efaa.org).

Walter will be leaving EFAA at the end of May. We appreciate all he has done for our community and we wish him good luck in his next adventure.



*Walter, Shari and Graciela*

