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Fuel Up 4 Summer event with BOOM Comics set for July 14

(Lawrence, KS) – Lawrence youth are invited to a free lunch with comics and games at the Fuel Up 4 Summer Friday Fun Day scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, at BOOM Comics, 2429 Iowa St., Lawrence. The event is part of the Summer Food Service Program, which provides free meals to children between the ages of 1 and 18.

“Fuel Up 4 Summer is a great way for kids and teens to get out of the house, have fun and enjoy a free lunch with their friends during the summer,” said Health Promotion Specialist Michael Showalter, of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. “We hope this event encourages continued participation in the program through the end of summer.”

The event is in conjunction with Lunch Across Kansas Month, a project of the Kansas Department of Education and Kansas Appleseed to serve 500,000 children across the state in July. In addition to receiving a free lunch, youth will be able to play card games and board games and take home free comics. The lunch menu that day includes super nachos, peanut butter and jelly sandwich with string cheese, chef salad with a breadstick, black beans, a banana, mini carrots and milk.

Participants do not need to register in advance to receive a meal through the Summer Food Service Program. No proof of income or age is required. An adult must accompany anyone younger than 4 years old. Adults can purchase lunch for \$3.50. No food is allowed to be taken off site.

For a list of meal times and locations and a menu, visit fuelup4summer.com.

The summer food program, which began in 1997, is a collaboration among public agencies and social service organizations. Partners include Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence, City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department, City of Lecompton, City of Perry, Harvesters, Just Food, K-State Research & Extension-Douglas County, Kansas Appleseed, Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence Public Schools Food Service, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority, Lecompton United Methodist Church, LiveWell Lawrence and Perry First State Bank and Trust.

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