



Stonewall Jackson Area Council 2019

“Scouting for Food” is Scouting’s community stewardship project aimed at addressing hunger in the community in which we live and work.

As you know, a central value of the Scouting program is that of service, found easily in the Scout Oath to “Help other people at all times.” It is likewise our duty as members of the BSA to ensure that each and every Scout has the opportunity to engage in community service projects that have meaningful and profound impact. Scouting for Food is this type of project. Food drives can be organized at the district level or by each individual unit. Scouts distribute food drive donation door hangers throughout a designated area and then return to collect plastic grocery door hangers filled with donated food. The door hangers are collected and carried to local food pantries, churches, shelters for the homeless, and other local agencies that feed those in need.

Remind your Scouts one in five people in our communities struggle to meet daily nutrition needs. Over half of those who otherwise would go hungry are children. Our council has a long tradition of being the second largest provider of food from a collection drive in our service area! Literally thousands of families depend upon us and this food drive!

When is it?

Saturday, October 26th, is Distribution Day - Scouts all over the Stonewall Jackson Area Council will place empty food door hangers or door hangers in neighborhoods.

Saturday, November 2nd, is Collection Day - Scouts return to pick up door hangers filled with donated canned goods which are then distributed to food banks and local food pantries within the district in which the food is collected. Along with collections, units may also do food drives in front of local grocery stores and other retail locations.

Goal - 100% Participation. We’re asking EVERY Pack, Troop and Crew to participate in Scouting for Food. And, report the total service hours to easily increase your Journey to Excellence score!

4 Easy Steps...

- ✓ Attend your October district Roundtable for door hangers to give to Scouts and leaders.
- ✓ Distribute door hangers or door hangers on Saturday morning, October 26th.
- ✓ Return to same neighborhoods on Saturday morning, November 2nd to collect food. Count or weigh totals and bring to your local SFF collection location.
- ✓ Tally your total service hours to report to your November Roundtable and include for your Service Hours reported on the JTE web site!

Important Dates

Before October 2019 Roundtable - Estimate the number of door hangers your unit will need for your collection area. If your unit will collect in front of a store, be sure to secure permission early and give details to your district's SFF Chair.

October Roundtable - Pick up the SFF door hangers your unit will need. All units should be prepared to pick up (and transport) their SFF door hangers, both for neighborhood delivery and enough for church distribution. The door hangers come in boxes of 1,000 or 2,000. (Additional door hangers will be available by contacting our Service Center).

Early October- Involve your church – Ask your charter organization (churches) to place announcements in their October newsletters and/or bulletins. Ask your clergy to include Scouting for Food in their pulpit announcements. Recruit uniformed Scouts to collect canned goods on November 2-3.

October 26th - Neighborhood distribution - Please distribute door hangers to your assigned neighborhoods. Unit leaders should verify where solicitations were dropped off. Remember – it is illegal to attach door hangers/door hangers to mail boxes! Record the streets you distributed!

November 2nd – Units return to collect food from your assigned neighborhoods and deliver to one of the Scouting for Food (SFF) collection sites for weighing or counting and sorting.

If your unit is participating in store front collections, be sure to have a barrel or collection box (available from BRAFB) in advance! Upon completion, bring your donations to your closest SFF collection site. Church collections received on Sunday, November 3rd should be promptly delivered early the following week to their pantry or a SFF collection site.

Early November – Report your unit totals and service hours at November Roundtable and on the JTE Service Hours website!

How do I get patches and a ribbon for my unit?

Complete our SFF Report Form in this guide and available online. You will receive one patch for each registered Scout, plus one complimentary patch for the volunteer coordinator from your unit. Your patches will be available at your district's Roundtable in December. Your unit will also earn a Scouting for Food participation ribbon.

How do I log Service Hours for JTE?

To reach JTE "Gold" status for Journey to Excellence, packs must report four service projects each year. Troops and crews must report six service projects each year. SFF is one of those projects!

Report your accomplishments here: tinyurl.com/z86uax5

Here are some helpful hints for this process:

1. Your Unit ID is the same number used by your unit when recording Internet Advancement. If you do not know this number, please contact the Council Service Center at 540-943-6675.
2. SJAC is council number 763.
3. Your unit number must be four (4) digits. If your pack/troop number is only two (2) or three (3) digits, front fill with zeroes i.e. Pack 2 becomes Pack 0002.

Safety and Best Practices

- Be prepared with water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.
- Leave doorhangers on the front door- not the mail box. Placing non-mail items IN or ON a mailbox is illegal.
- Be aware of “No Solicitation” signs, gated communities, etc. When approaching neighborhoods with Homeowners Associations or other organizations it’s always better to communicate with them prior to passing out flyers and/or bags. This can also be a way to promote Scouting for Food.
- Always return to each house asked to participate to collect food. Don’t be afraid to go back twice.
- Use 2-deep leadership.
- Scouts and leaders should wear their Class A uniforms to promote Scouting in the community.
- Never ride in the back of a pickup trucks.
- Make sure all Scouts and leaders riding in vehicles wear seat belts.
- Adult leaders should be able to see the Scouts at all times. Scouts must NEVER enter a supporter’s home.
- Follow the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.
- *Have fun! This is a great opportunity for Scouts to fellowship while making an impact.*



2019 Stonewall Jackson Area Council Scouting for Food Report Your Success

Unit Type: Pack ____ Troop ____ Crew ____ Number: _____

District: _____

Unit SFF Coordinator Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Youth: _____

Adults: _____

Hours per Participant: _____

Pounds of Food Collected: _____

Name of Food Bank or Pantry: _____

Give completed form to your District Executive or email to Scott Lancey at scott.lancey@scouting.org



Received at SJAC Service Center: _____