



Scouting for Food

2021

Scouting for Food is the Virginia Headwaters Council's community stewardship project aimed at addressing hunger in the community in which we live and work.

As Scouts, we know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night — whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky. In fact, 1 in 9 families suffer from food insecurity. That's the genesis of Scouting for Food, the annual food collection drive sponsored by the Virginia Headwaters Council. It's another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are here, doing good turns.

Scouts collect non-perishable food items, deliver to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank or select their local food pantry or charter organization food kitchen. It's that simple. Literally thousands of families depend upon us and this food drive!

When is it? NOTE NEW DATES!

Saturday, November 13th, is Distribution Day - Scouts and adults all over the Virginia Headwaters Council will place door hangers in their own neighborhoods.

Saturday, November 20th, is Collection Day - Scouts return to pick up bags filled with donated goods which then are brought to a drop off location or at their local food pantry. Or, set up and collect in front of a local store.

Goal - 100% Participation. We're asking EVERY pack, troop and crew to participate in Scouting for Food. And, report the service hours to increase your Journey to Excellence score!

Two Ways to Participate:

Door Hangers - Scouts distribute door hangers on November 6th to neighborhood homes to let them know about the food drive. Then, on Saturday November 13th, Scouts revisit those home to pick up food and then drop off at the Food Bank or their local pantry.

Storefront Collection - Units coordinate with local grocery stores for permission to hand out checklists of needed items at the Food Bank on November 13th. Customers then donate into a shopping cart you collect and bring to the Food Bank or local pantry.

After Your Collection - Units visit bit.ly/3oifIt6 to record how much food was collected. This is how your youth will receive their Scouting for Food patch.

THANK YOU BONUS! — Units that participate in Scouting for Food AND conducted a 2021 Family Friends of Scouting presentation, will receive a weekend campsite (tent only) at no charge. Units must report their SFF success by December 10, 2021 to qualify.

Standard Version of SFF:

1. Door hangers will be available at the council office with 2 weeks' notice.
2. Distribute hangers in your neighborhood on the morning of Saturday, November 6th.
 - a. Don't put hangers on or in a mailbox (this is against the law)
 - b. Place hangers on front doors securely.
3. Food collection should start after 9 AM on Saturday, November 13th.
 - a. Scouts should wear their uniforms.
 - b. Several Scouts should work together.
 - c. All youth must travel with at least 2 adults.
 - d. Scouts should never enter any house.
3. Count and weigh the number of collected items and drop off at the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank or a food pantry of your choice.
 - a. Record items collected on the collection report form
4. DO take photos to share!
5. Don't forget to log your service hours bit.ly/3oifIt6! All the food collected stays LOCAL.

Storefront Version of SFF:

1. Contact a local grocery store to ask permission to solicit donations on Saturday, November 13th.
Do so as soon as possible: do not show up without permission.
2. Storefront slips to hand out at storefronts included on page 4.
3. Review location specific guidelines.
 - a. Scouts should wear their uniforms.
 - b. Several Scouts should work together
 - c. Scouts should wear masks at all times
 - d. Scouts should not obstruct entrance or exits
5. DO take photos to share!
6. Scouts should not follow customers through store.
7. Count the number of collected items and drop off at a food pantry of your choice.
8. Record items collected here bit.ly/3oifIt6

Drop Off Locations on November 20th:

- Charlottesville: 10AM—3PM
1207 Harris Street, Charlottesville, VA
- Verona: 11AM—2PM
96 Laurel Hill Road, Verona, VA
- Harrisonburg: 11AM—2PM
2035 E. Market St, Harrisonburg

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Local Scouts are collecting for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and neighbors in your community.

Put bag(s) of canned/dry food by your front door or mailbox next Saturday before 9:00 a.m. and a Scout will pick it up.

If a Scout does not pick it up, please help us feed our community by taking it to your local food pantry or Blue Ridge Area Food Bank branch.

Thank you!

The Boy Scouts of America is proud to partner with

Blue Ridge Area FOOD BANK FEEDING AMERICA
540-248-3663 BRAFB.org

Most Needed Items:
Low Sodium, Low Sugar, & Whole Grain items preferred.

No glass please!

Cereal, Peanut or Almond Butter, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Canned Soups, Stews, & Chili, Canned Fruit & Veggies, Beans (Canned or Dried), Boxed Mac & Cheese, Pasta & Rice, Spaghetti Sauce, Paper Products, Baby Food & Formula, Diapers, Soap, Toothbrushes, & Feminine Products.

Interested in Joining Scouts? Go to **BeAScout.org**

Especially This Year...
No one should go hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands of local people are getting help from the food bank for the first time. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank can't do it alone and YOU can help.

Reporting Your Unit's Service Hours

Do we still record hours in the Good Turn For America platform (servicehours.scouting.org)?

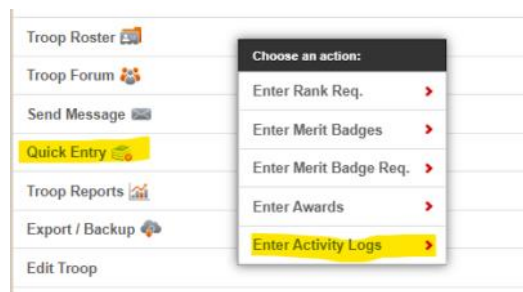
NOPE! All your unit service hours now are recorded in Internet Advancement. Furthermore, all Good Turn for America service hours entries, except Eagle Service Projects, are now available in Internet Advancement.

How does this affect Scoutbook?

You now record all activities including Scouting for Food in Internet Advancement. All Scoutbook camping, hiking, and camping logs have been moved to the new system. In Scoutbook, when you click on a Scout's activity log, you will now be directed to Internet Advancement to enter activities.

How to Enter Scouting for Food Reports in Scoutbook:

1. Access this feature through: Scoutbook.scouting.org.
2. Click on Internet Advancement (left side of page).
3. Click on Activities (left side of page).
4. Click on the "+" plus sign (top right of page).
5. Click on Service Hours.
6. Select date and then click on Create New Activity.
3. Fill out the form with details of the event. It will be added to the calendar.



From this point simply fill in the boxes. When finished click on Record and Finish. This process is also useful when recording hikes and campouts as those options can also be selected in step 5.



SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

The safety of Scouts is YOUR responsibility! As leaders we must review how to safely conduct Scouting for Food, either as individual families or a den or patrol.

- ✓ Review BSA's [Restart Scouting Checklist](#) as you plan. Persons considered high risk for COVID-19, or those with any symptoms should not participate and stay home.
- ✓ Obtain a [Permission Release](#) for each participating Scout. Either traditional or storefront, groups should not exceed 8 persons. YPT guidelines must always be guaranteed.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer should be available. Masks will be worn at all times. Encourage social distancing if at a storefront.
- ✓ Assign an adult safety monitor to oversee all safety protocols are followed.
- ✓ If anyone within 10 days after your drive tests has symptoms or tests positive with COVID-19, contact the Service Center immediately at 540-943-6675 for instructions.



On behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, we are collecting donations for those within our community who are in need and facing food insecurity. Please consider purchasing one or more of the following items. Leave any purchases with us and we will connect them to appreciative families in need.



- Canned soups or stews
- Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- Canned fruit (light syrup)
- Canned chicken or tuna
- Canned beans
- Pasta or rice
- Breakfast Cereal
- Applesauce
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Crackers or granola bars
- Boxed Meals
- Baby food or diapers
- Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo



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