



Scouting for Food

2022

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.

Scouting for Food is an annual food drive sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. It is part of our program that emphasizes our slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily". Since 1988, Scouts nationwide have participated in this effort. Annually in the Virginia Headwaters Council, we consistently collect over 22,000 pounds of food that benefits the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and over 20 community food pantries.

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. Particularly this year, thousands of families will depend upon us and this food drive!

When is it?

Saturday, November 5th, is Distribution Day - Scouts and adults all over the Virginia Headwaters Council will place door hangers in their own neighborhoods.

Saturday, November 12th, 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 5th to neighborhood homes to let them know about the food drive. Then, *(really important!)* on Saturday November 12th, Scouts revisit those homes 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 12th. 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 you receive recognitions.

THANK YOU BONUS! — Units that participate in Scouting for Food AND conducted a 2022 Family Friends of Scouting presentation, will receive a weekend campsite (tent only) at no charge. Units must report their SFF success using the form above by December 10, 2022 to qualify. Participating youth and a unit leader adult will receive patches at a later date. All units will receive a ribbon for their unit flag.

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 5th.
 - a. Wear your uniform and always travel with an adult and a buddy!
 - b. Don't put hangers on or in a mailbox (this is against the law).
 - c. Place hangers on front doors securely.
3. Food collection should start after 9 AM on Saturday, November 12th.
 - 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 or an apartment building.
4. After your first sweep, do a second sweep to ensure all food was collected.
5. Count and weigh the number of collected items and drop off at the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank or Food pantry of your choice. Record items collected on the collection report form
6. 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 12th. Do so as soon as possible: do not show up without permission.
2. Preprint and cut copies of our SFF needed items in this guide. Hand out at to your selected store.
3. Ensure sufficient adult leadership is actively involved in hand outs.
3. Review location specific guidelines.
 - a. Scouts should wear their uniforms.
 - b. Several Scouts should work together.
 - c. Even if someone declines, make sure Scouts smile and say thank you.
 - 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 12th:

- 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



Reporting Your Unit's Service Hours

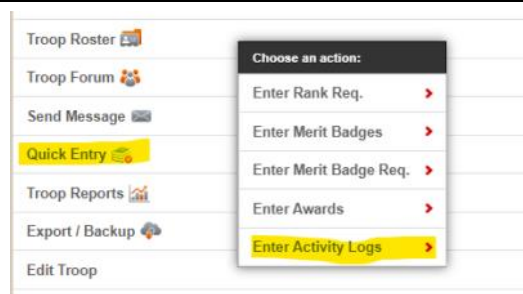
Do we still record hours in the Good Turn For America platform? NOPE! All your unit service hours now are recorded in Internet Advancement. Furthermore, all Good Turn for America service hours entries, except Eagle Service Projects, are now available in Internet Advancement.

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.

- ✓ Obtain a [Permission Release](#) for each participating Scout.
- ✓ Either traditional or storefront, groups should not exceed 8 persons. YPT guidelines must always be guaranteed.
- ✓ 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.
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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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