

2021

Scouting For Food



What is Scouting for Food

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 Glacier’s Edge Council, we consistently collect over 100,000 pounds of food that benefits over 35 community food pantries

We know that this year may be different from past Scouting for Food collections. However, we also know the need is greater than ever in our communities. So, while we may have to change how we do things we need to do it so we can help Food Pantries in our communities that need the food to help families.



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How Does Scouting For Food Work?

Please contact your Food Pantry now to see what restrictions they have in place due to Covid-19 and if they feel they will still be in place in March of 2021 when our Scouting for Food will be happening. Then select the option that will work for your Food Pantry and unit families. When we get into February please check back and confirm if anything has changed. Then check the local public health department recommendations and restrictions to see what other things you will need to follow. For example: wearing masks, social distancing, scheduling shifts by family, limiting the number of Scouts and Leaders per shift. etc.

Option #1

- Beginning in January, advertise the dates and begin recruiting a work force.
- In February, call your local food pantries and communicate the details and anticipated amount of food! Confirm when you can deliver your collections to the pantry. Many food pantries are not open on Saturday but will if we ask!
- Door Hangers will be available at the end of January/February at the Madison Service Center and Janesville Scout store and will be provided to those Troops and Packs participating on the scheduled dates.

2021 Scheduled
dates are: March
6th - Bag
Distribution
March 13th - Food
Collection



- **New in 2021** we have added space on the front and back of the door hanger to add local information. It's a good way to put a local touch on the food drive as well as advertise your unit to people in your community that may want to join Scouts!
- On March 6th, distribute the door hangers to all the houses in your territory
 - a. **Door Hangers should be attached to door handles, NOT in or on mailboxes.**
 - b. Keep good records of where you left door hangers so you can ensure you return to pick up all food put out!

- On March 13th, beginning at 9am, return to the houses where you placed door hangers. Those wishing to participate will put their food donation out for you to collect.
- After the first sweep, do a second sweep to ensure that all the food was collected!
- Take the food to your local food pantry. Have your pantry count the items or weigh the food.
- Record your service hours and amount of food collected (in pounds or however you counted the food). Then report this information online at the following link:

[2021SFFServiceHoursReport](#)

Option #2

- Consider working with your local grocery store to setup at the store to hand out a half sheet of paper with the most needed items at your Food Pantry. Give the Grocery store a list prior to the dates so they can stock up on those items.
- Then collect the donations as the people leave the store. Many people will purchase items to support our cause!
- Working with your Food Panty determine when you can deliver your collections and whether if you can deliver in bulk or if they need it boxed in a particular way prior to dropping off.
- Take the food to your local food pantry. Have your pantry count the items or weigh the food.
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Some Do's and Dont's of Scouting for Food

Do

- Wear your Scout Uniform
- Use the buddy system
- Have plenty of adult leaders
- Stay away from yards with dogs
- Hang door tags securely to doors
- Take photos for publicity
- Plan carefully so that we re-visit all houses that receive fliers

Don'ts

- Do not have Scouts enter ANY home
- Do not allow Scouts to ride in truck beds
- Do no go into apartment buildings
- **Do not put fliers in or on mailboxes**

Unit Recognition

Units participating on the council scheduled dates (March 6 and 13, 2021), upon reporting their service hours and amount of food collected will receive:

- One participation patch per youth
- One recognition ribbon for your unit flag



2020 Collection Stats

Total Pounds of Food Collected: 101,311 pounds
Total number of Units Participating: 46
Total number of Scouts Participating: 1,168
Total number of Service Hours Reported: 2,041.25

