



Scouting for Food

UNIT CHAIRPERSON TOOLKIT

Dear Scouting Volunteers:

First of all, **THANK YOU** for volunteering to be your Unit's Scouting for Food Chairperson! You are the primary driving force behind the Scouting for Food program in your Unit and this impactful service project could not succeed without you.

One in five people in our community struggle with the daily need of wholesome and nutritious meals. When Scouts go into our neighborhoods and collect food, they are truly helping those in need while developing a lifelong virtue of community service. The pandemic, hurricanes, and tornadoes have only exacerbated this need. We hope that this project will result in well stocked food banks to help stop hunger in our communities.

I am a volunteer just like you and it is truly my honor to support Scouting in this important service project and character-building program. Thank you for being a Scouting volunteer and thank you for leading your Unit in the 2022 Scouting for Food project. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way to make your Unit's efforts a success.

Yours in Scouting,

SELA Council Activities & Civic Service Committee

Claire Watson, Scott Smith, Carl Kluttz, Ms. Skip Gibson, Burt Cary, Muffin Adriance

Food Drive Overview

Scouting for Food is the Boy Scouts of America's nationwide service project to help stop hunger in our communities. It began as a Scout's service project in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1985, and was adopted by the Boy Scout National Organization in 1988.

Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends of May. On the first weekend, scouts distribute bags to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second weekend, scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice, and other nonperishable items.

Make it Fun

Encourage participants to take photos during the event and make it fun! Have a competition to see what small cohort or family can have the most fun helping their community. Please remind your families that a Scout is helpful, courteous, and kind. This means always wearing a face covering and following social distancing guidelines. Send your photos to sela@bsaemail.org.

Uniforms

Remind Scouts that they must be in Field uniforms during all phases of the project.

Reporting and Recognition

Before delivering food to your food bank please count the number of items your unit collected. If you receive monetary donations, food banks prefer that the money be turned over to them rather than purchasing food to donate. They have partnerships with local stores and can buy 13 pounds of food for every dollar spent.

Please help us at the conclusion of the food drive by providing complete reporting. It's as Easy as 1,2,3

1. Scouting for Food Report – Please report the information below to your District Chairperson or District Executive no later than 4:00 PM on May 25th.
2. CELEBRATE your hard work and all you have done for your community.

Safety and Best Practices

As with any Scouting project or event, it is not considered a success unless it can be completed safely. Please follow these Safety Guidelines during your service project.

1. State and local social distancing guidelines must be followed during this activity.
2. Qualified supervision: every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care.
3. Adults should be able to see the scouts at all times.
4. Scouts should never enter a supporter's home.
5. Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting. [View the guide here.](#)
6. Remember some areas may be deemed unsafe. Please skip those areas.
7. Only place bags on the front porch. Not the mailbox. Placing non-mail items in/on a mailbox is illegal.
8. Be aware of "no Solicitation signs, gated communities, etc.

9. Ensure that all participants riding in vehicles wear seat belts.
10. Scouts are never to ride in the back of a pickup truck.
11. Monetary donations should be turned in to adults immediately.

Suggested Donation Items

Meals in a Can	Canned meats (chicken, tuna)	Peanut Butter
Dried beans	Canned fruits	Canned vegetables
Non-fat dry milk	Canned evaporated milk	Pasta/Macaroni/Rice
Boxed macaroni & cheese	Boxed or bagged cereals	Canned baby formula
Oatmeal	Spaghetti sauce with meat	Canned soups
Canned chili	Canned stew	Canned sloppy Joes
Canned beans	Small boxes of raisins	Small bags of nuts
Boxed cookies	Saltine/Ritz crackers	Salt and/or pepper

District Contacts for Scouting for Food

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">2022</h2> <h1 style="margin: 0;">Scouting for FOOD</h1>  <p style="margin: 0;">Saturday May 14, 2022 NOTICE DELIVERED</p> <hr/> <p style="margin: 0;">Saturday May 21, 2022</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Please drop off your donations to one of these convenient locations</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="margin: 0;">Delivered to Second Harvest Food Bank</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">FILL A BAG...FEED THE HUNGRY!</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Help the Area's Largest One-Day Food Drive</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">From public health drives...to caring for the environment... to assisting neighbors in need...Scouts have always been a force for positivity & goodness in our communities. This summer, we're stepping up again, and we need you! With big projects or small, join us in the National Summer of Service!</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 10px 0;">NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0 0 0 40px;">canned foods, baby formula, dry goods & food, paper products</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 0 0 40px;">NO GLASS JARS & NO EXPIRED FOODS</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Greater N.O. <u>Scouting For Food</u> Drop Off Sites – May 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin: 5px 0;">Covenant UMC Church 115 E Damour St. Chalmette 9 am – NOON <li style="margin: 5px 0;">Delta Medical Clinic 103 Dr. Bowen St. Belle Chasse 10 am – 2 pm <li style="margin: 5px 0;">Rouses Supermarket 400 N Carrollton Ave N.O. 10 am – 2:30pm <li style="margin: 5px 0;">Slidell East 120 Rue Holiday Slidell 9 am – NOON <li style="margin: 5px 0;">Thompson Rd Baptist Church 59008 Thompson Rd Slidell 9a –NOON <li style="margin: 5px 0;">Winn-Dixie Supermarket 5901 Airline Hwy. Metairie 9 am – 3 pm
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2022 Scouting for Food Report Card

Please contact your District Scouting for Food Chairperson or Executive to report the following information **no later than May 25, 2022**

Pack ___ Troop ___ Crew ___ Ship ___ (check one) Unit Number _____

Number Total Number of Scouts Participating in the Project _____

Total Number of Non-Scouts Participating in the Project _____

Total Number of Friends/Family Participating in the Project _____

Total Number of Leaders Participating in the Project _____

GRAND TOTAL PARTICIPANTS _____

TOTAL HOURS (TOTAL PARTICIPANTS X TOTAL HOURS) = _____

FOOD ITEMS DELIVERED TO _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS COLLECTED = _____

TOTAL MONETARY DONATIONS COLLECTED \$ _____

