

Scouting for Food

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Scouting for Food?

Scouting for Food is an annual food-collection drive hosted by Scouting America Councils throughout the country. It's a great way for Scouts to make an impact in their community while doing a good turn. Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends.

- On the first weekend, Scouts leave door hangers to let their neighbors know about the drive and give details on what they can donate.
- On the second weekend, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food and other nonperishable items.

Why do the Scouts organize Scouting for Food?

As an organization, we are dedicated to giving back to our communities. Scouting for Food teaches youths the value of helping others and offers a great opportunity to "Do a good turn daily" and demonstrate the Scout Oath and Law.

How does the food get from my pantry to the homes of the needy?

After Scouts retrieve the bags filled with canned goods from their areas, items are taken to a local food pantry.

Who participates in Scouting for Food?

Scouts and Scout Leaders of all ages take part in Scouting for Food by distributing door tags and collecting the non-perishable goods. Volunteers from local food pantries help organize donations.

What type of donations are preferred?

Non-perishable items such as canned goods, toiletries and dried goods are great options!

How long does each day take?

Plan to spend approximately 2 hours each Saturday. Items collected on the second weekend will be dropped off at a designated location.

My unit would like to participate but we are not available one of the weekends.

Can we still help?

Contact Jess Castillo (jdwcastillo@gmail.com) and we can certainly come up with a plan for your unit to still participate!

When will my unit be assigned a designated area?

Each unit will be assigned a designated area to collect items from. We will do our best to assign them based on the preferred areas of each unit. An email will be sent prior to the first weekend along with the door tags that will be used.

How do we use the door tag for Scouting for Food?

The door tag was made to be fillable so you can add your own information under “Pick Up Information” on the form. Units print the flyer and then drop the flyers at the doorsteps on each home. Put the flyers through door handles, in between screen doors or under doormats making sure they are still visible. The homeowner will provide their own bag or box for you to pick up on the second Saturday.

Can we place bags or flyers in the mailbox?

NO, this is against the law. Do not place any Scouting for Food items in the mailbox.

Do we need to submit any information after our Scouting for Food campaign is done?

Yes, on the event page, look for the Scouting for Food Campaign Tracker under Unit Resources. Please submit this form by Wednesday, February 26, 2025, letting us know how many items were collected and the number of Scouts who participated.

**Got more questions?
Reach out to us!**

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/615-sff25>



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