

2026 SCOUTING FOR FOOD



What Your Unit Needs to Do . . .

How to Prepare

- Designate a Unit Coordinator and make sure you've turned in a "unit commitment" form listing his/her name, address, and phone number or call your SFF contact and let them know you are participating.

In early February

- *Promote* the dates in your church, school or chartered organization bulletin, newsletter, email or Facebook. Arrange for announcements the week before March 14th.
- During your meeting(s), inform your Scouts and parents of what they can do to help.
- Designate an "assembly location" for Scouts and drivers to meet at on "door hanger distribution" and "food pick-up" days.
- Identify your unit's assigned area with your District Scouting for Food Chair.
- Pick-up your "Scouting for Food" door hangers at the Scout Service Center.

On March 14th

Meet at your "assembly location" early enough to distribute the door hangers to the adults/Scouts and review procedures:

- All Scouts should travel in groups of two or more using the "Buddy System."
- Have enough vehicles for the number of Scouts participating and the area to be covered.
- **Keep Scouts safe!** Exercise extreme caution when crossing the street. Cross only in approved crosswalks. Use driveways and sidewalks (do not walk on lawns or through flower beds).
- Leave door hangers on doors. *Do not enter homes or apartment buildings!*
- Do not leave door hangers where "No Solicitation" signs are posted.
- **Do not place door hangers in mailboxes or on the mailbox flag or on the mailbox post. It is illegal and the post office will remove them.**
- Cover your entire area.
- Practice attaching door hangers to doors. Try to put it on the door in such a way that it can be easily removed but not be blown away by the wind.
- Vehicles should stay as close to the Scouts as possible. It's important for adults to be on the streets to assure the Scouts safety.
- Have a plan to remind the Scouts and adults a day or two before. Remind the Scouts to wear their uniforms.

On March 21st

- Meet again at your "assembly location" early enough to review the plan for the morning.
- Start collecting food donations after 9:00 a.m. Do not begin collecting before 9:00 a.m. Plan to finish by 11:30 a.m.
- Cover all houses in the same area in which your unit distributed the door hangers. Make a second run through.
- Continue to remind the Scouts to be courteous - no loud yelling or horseplay and stay on walkways.
- Deliver food to collection agency between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. A collection site will be assigned to each unit.
- At the collection agencies, volunteers will need your help unloading food and may need your help boxing. Please be prepared to help them.



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