



2019 Scouting for Food

Fact Sheet

All Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venture Crews are asked to participate in the Scouting for Food Drive during the month of February 2019. This food drive is designed to help support the local food pantries in the 21 counties of the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Each district will coordinate door hanger distribution and collection through their Scouting for Food Chairperson or their District Committee representatives.

Through a generous donation, there will be printed door hangers provided to each unit. Door hangers will be distributed to each district and should be given out at the January Roundtable meeting. We ask that each scout visit homes in a selected community and distribute door hangers to them. The scout will then return the next Saturday to collect the food. Each scout should be in uniform and use the buddy system when visiting homes in his neighborhood.

Door hanger distribution is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019. Pickup will be on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Collection items can be delivered locally (Food Pantry, Church, Community Center), the Scout Service Center in Knoxville, or your local Food City Store.

Units are also encouraged to partner with local business and their charter org. to collect food. Units can place a box with details (sign) out in the community and work with whomever to promote the drive. Units then can pick up the box on collection day. Units can also coordinate with local grocery stores to set up for a day to collect items in front of the store.

Be sure to fill out the tally sheet for Scouts participating and items collected and return it to the Scout Service Center no later than Friday, February 15, 2019.

For more information, please contact your district Scouting for Food chairperson, or the Scout Service Center at 865-588-6514.

- **Units will pick up Scouting for door hangers at the January Roundtable.**
- **Door hanger distribution day will be Saturday, January 26, 2019.**
- **Collections will be Saturday, February 2, 2019.**
- **Units will have until Friday, February 15, 2019 to turn in reports to receive participant patches for their Scouts.**



Scouting for Food 2019 Information Flyer

Please share this information with all Scouts and Leaders at your next meeting to inform them of the plan for Scouting for Food for February 2019.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Step 1: Pick up door hangers from your district's roundtable meeting, from your district executive, or from the Council Service Center. Be sure to pick up at least 10 hangers for every scout in your unit. These hangers will be distributed in your community and food will be picked up by your scouts and brought to a collection site.

Step 2: Coordinate with your district's Scouting for Food chairperson or your district executive which area your unit will be covering for distribution / pickup. This area should be centrally located to your unit's chartered organization or meeting place. Neighborhoods are great, but also include businesses and schools that may want to participate.

Step 3: On Saturday, January 26, 2019 visit your assigned areas to distribute the hangers. Have adults travel with each group of Scouts to ensure safety and be aware of private property. Ask permission before entering fenced yards and do not put the hangers into a mailbox. **DO NOT ALLOW SCOUTS TO ENTER HOMES!** Ask each pair of scouts to knock on the door, introduce themselves and explain the Scouting for Food Drive. Inform each resident that they will return next Saturday to collect the filled bags. Then thank the resident for their help and support of Scouting activities in their community. If no one is at resident leave hanger on the door.

Step 4: Return to collect the items from each home on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Be sure to thank each person for their contribution and let them know that the food will go to help the needy in their community. Be sure to send plenty of adults with each group of Scouts to collect the items. A vehicle following the group may be necessary to transport the collected items.

Step 5: Deliver the food items to a designated collection site. If there is a local food pantry associated with your chartered organization, you can deliver your food items to them for use in their efforts. You can also bring the items to the collection site in your community or to any of the collection sites listed on the attached sheet. Scout units in the Knoxville area are encouraged to deliver their items to the Council Service Center between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, February 2, 2019. There will be several Food City store locations designated as secondary pickup sites as well. Be sure to count the number of items that you deliver so that we will have an accurate count on the success of the Scouting for Food drive.

Step 6: Complete the attached Scouting for Food collection form and return it to the Council Service Center by February 15, 2019. You can bring it by the office when you drop off your items, or you can fax it to 865-212-0093.

Step 7: Enter Scouting for food service hours online at <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

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Unit Commitment Card
“Our Unit Is Committed To Making a Difference”

Date _____

District _____ No. of Active Youth _____

Unit (circle one) Pack, Troop, Crew, Team # _____

____ Yes, count us in. Our unit wants to make a difference in our community.

We will participate in the 2019 Scouting For Food event for our community.

Five Ways That All Scout Units Can Participate:

- ___ Neighborhood Collection
- ___ Church/Charter Organization Collection
- ___ School Collection
- ___ Goal/Per Scout
- ___ Retail Stores – Grocery Outlets



Unit Contact:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phones Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please email to Tracy.Slice@scouting.org
Fax: 865-212-0093



2019 Scouting for Food Collection Tally Sheet

Pack / Troop / Crew Number: _____

Number of Scouts Participating: _____

Service Hours Spent on Project: _____

Number of Food Items Collected: _____

Items Delivered to: _____

Be sure to enter in your service hours at the journey to excellence website!
<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

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Fax this form to 865-212-0093

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