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Welcome to the Scouting for Food Team!

The annual Scouting for Food drive is a council-wide service project to instill the value of service into our Scouts and help the community. Inside this guide, you will find the tools to successfully complete your task as a Unit Scouting for Food Chair...so keep it handy and let's go!

What is Scouting for Food?

Scouting for Food, the nation's largest food drive, began as one Scout's service project in St. Louis in 1985 and was adopted by the National Organization in 1988. Packs, troops, and crews all across America participate in this service project to collect food for those in need.

Why do we participate in Scouting for Food?

As an organization, the Boy Scouts of America teaches youth the value of helping others and giving back to their communities. By collecting food for people in need, Scouts are "doing a good turn" and "helping other people;" key elements of the Scout Oath and Law.

We know quality Scouting programs and activities don't just happen; it takes a great deal of planning by volunteers and staff. Thank you for your commitment!



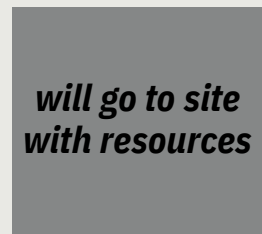
Scouting for Food helps all of us achieve all the aims of Scouting:

- Character Development
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship Training
- Personal Fitness

Tools Available For Download at www.scoutingcolorado.org/activities-events/scouting-for-food/

- Leaders guide
- Print your own door hanger
- Rack card
- Script for Scouts
- Door hanger drop off record/ pick up

Or scan the QR Code!



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Contact your District Scouting for Food Chair, District Executive, or SFF Support Staff anytime you have a question. We are here to help you!



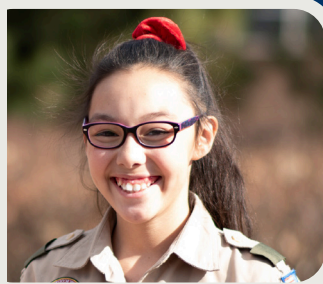
Scouting for Food Chair (SFF Chair):

Ensure your unit's Scouting for Food drive is a success.

- By accepting the invitation to become SFF Chair, you are leading your unit in serving the community and teaching young people the importance of service, both exceptional goals. Your community is counting on you!
- Your primary responsibilities are to manage all aspects of the SFF drive, clearly communicate SFF information to your leaders, parents and Scouts, host a dynamic kick-off, and achieve your unit's collection goals.

Scouting for Food Chair Responsibilities:

- Sign your unit up for participation in Scouting for Food
- Order, arrange for pick-up, and distribute your door hangers
- Communicate the purpose of Scouting for Food and timeline to your Scouts and parents
- Kick-off your Scouting for Food drive sharing the purpose and your unit goals
- Ensure all food is collected and turned into a Food Bank of the Rockies collection site
- Become an expert in all things Scouting for Foods
- Make Scouting for Food FUN for your Scouts!



Scouting for Food Key Dates

September / October Round Table

Units sign up to participate and order door Hangers.

Deadline for Unit Sign-Up.
Coordinate with your District Executive to select a community from District Map pick up.

October Roundtable

Door hangers pick up.

November 2-3

Distribute door hangers, keep record of houses visited.

November 9

Collect your food and count it.
Drop off food to Food Bank of the Rockies drop off locations.
Report collection pounds and total participants.
Host a fun activity for all who participated.

November 12

Celebrate your success!
Report service hours in Scoutbook before November 18th.

Bring 10 cans of food or non perishable items to the Scout Shop between November 1- 9 and you will receive a Scouting Colorado pin, patch, or sticker.

**Limit one pin, patch, or sticker per Scout. While supplies last.*

Food Bank of the Rockies

We have partnered with Food Bank of the Rockies for location drop off sites. We will have these specific locations identified and available on our website. Please check with the pantry you are planning to deliver for contact info and hours of operation.

Food Bank of the Rockies is the largest hunger relief organization in the Rocky Mountain region. Since 1978, They've put the power of community to work for our neighbors in need. Through partnerships. Through programs. Through people. Through you. Everything they do is fueled by the support of our community and donors, and 96 cents of every dollar goes directly to distribution. With support from our community, they distribute enough food daily for nearly 178,000 meals.

Mission

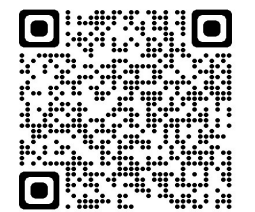
We ignite the power of community to nourish people facing hunger.

Fast Facts

In 2023, Bank of the Rockies served 367,685 individuals, 21% of them were children

Food Bank of the Rockies serves 30 counties in Colorado, including metro Denver, the Western Slope, and the Eastern Plains, as well as the entire state of Wyoming.

Check out their website!



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OF THE ROCKIES™

Participating Pantries in Scouting for Food.





Your Unit Kickoff!

Be prepared to lead a 5-10 minute presentation to inspire your Scouts & parents

- Have a map with your Scouting for Food area blown up and copies for all families/Scouts.
- On map have your contact information and schedule for both Saturdays (include collection location).
- Consider preassigning streets/areas for each family (don't forget their buddy, partner two Scouts together).
- Rehearse your presentation to your unit prior to the meeting, rehearse with others if they are helping.
- Remind Scouts to wear their uniform.

As Attendees arrive:

- Greet them and mark every 5th person with a dot on their hand, sticker, etc.
- Give each Scout/family a copy of their map (with their street(s) highlighted) Keep copies and record of streets assigned.

Your SFF Kick-off presentation

Why do we do Scouting for Food?

- Ask marked attendees to stand up (and stay standing). This is a snapshot of our community, look around. We do Scouting for Food to make sure our neighbors and their families have food this Holiday season.
- At anytime in our community 20% of us are at-risk of needing food assistance. How great would it be if we did our best and a couple more people could sit down, let's ensure we are meeting as many of their needs as possible.

What can we do to help this holiday season?

- 100% family support for Scouting for Food. Set a goal of 50 items collected by each Scout (50 items = 50 pounds).
- Set expectation that the Scouts that place the door hangers November 2-3, return to same house to collect November 11 (This gives a sense of ownership/accomplishment).

Every Scout that works both weekends and collects 50 items will receive _____ (your unit plan here)

Encourage Scouts to be creative so that every Scout can earn this item.

- If there isn't food outside the door, knock and ask them to participate, groups that have done this have tripled the amount of food collected.
- Talk to work/chartered organization/school to have collection bins.
- Home owner association newsletters, club house collection bin.
- Discuss your unit's schedule.



Door Hangers

The Council provides door hangers to help your unit communicate the Scouting for Food plan in your neighborhoods. Door hangers are placed on the front door on the first weekend of Scouting for Food.

Ordering Door Hangers

It is recommended you order enough door hangers to cover the neighborhoods in your plan. We recommend 20 per active Cub Scout and 40 per active Scouts BSA member. The order should be placed at the time you register your unit. The deadline for ordering door hangers is your October Round Table.

Door Hanger Distribution

It is the responsibility of the Unit to pick up door hangers from the District distribution site. Distribution sites will be listed on the Scouting for Food website by district and community.

Questions? Reach out to your local Scouting for Food contact. Scan the QR Code below.





Door Hanger Day!

We're building character AND providing a valuable service to the community!

Ensure your families understand what they are doing and who they are helping.

While the standard door hanger day is planned for November 2.

Your unit can plan to distribute on November 2, November 3, or a weekday before dark.

Avoid Sunday morning.

Safety and Courtesy

Be sure to review these safety and courtesy tips with your Scouts and parents

- Go door to door with another Scout or with an adult.
- Never enter anyone's home.
- Never drop door hangers after dark, unless with an adult.
- Always walk on the sidewalk and driveway.
- Be careful of dogs.
- Say thank you whether or not the prospect donated food.
- It is critical that a Scout returns to every house that receives a door hanger, we made a promise to pick up donations.

To Knock or Not to Knock?



Food Collection Techniques

Don't miss the opportunity to use the Scouting for Food drive to train your Scouts in public speaking and community service. Your Scouts and parents will appreciate the effort and your unit will achieve the aims of Scouting!

Have Scouts role play and practice during your Kick-Off. Find a way to make training fun and reward Scouts who do a good job.

Have your Scouts practice these simple steps:

Wear your uniform

Smile and tell them who you are – first name only!

Tell them where you are from (unit within Scouting)

Tell them what you are doing (collecting food for those in need in your community)

Tell them what they can do for you (donate food)

Collect the food, and thank them

For a script to hand out to your Scouts, visit <https://scoutingcolorado.org/activities-events/scouting-for-food/>

**When you knock on the door and ask for food
you increase your food collection by**

225%