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Unit Coordinator's Toolkit



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Scouting for Food Toolkit

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Scouting for Food Facts

What is “Scouting for Food?”

“Scouting for Food” is the nation’s largest single-day food drive. It began as a Scout’s service project in St. Louis in 1985 and was adopted by the National Organization in 1988. The goal is to help feed the hungry of our communities.

When does it take place?

In Central Florida, it always happens on the first two Saturdays of November.

- *Saturday, November 4th is Distribution Day. Nearly 600,000 door hangers will be placed on doors throughout Central Florida.*
- *Saturday, November 11th is Collection Day. Starting at 9am, Scouts blanket our communities, collecting food donated by residents. Scouts then deliver the food to collection sites, where it is counted, packed and readied for delivery to food pantries.*

Why do we participate in Scouting for Food?

As an organization, the Boy Scouts 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 slogan.

Where does the donated food go?

After the Scouts collect the food bags, they deliver them to a local drop-off location where volunteers sort and box the food to be delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida and other local food pantries. Your donated food will help feed people in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, Brevard, Volusia and Flagler Counties.

Who helps make Scouting for Food possible?

It takes a community effort for sure. Our Scouts and Scouters, their friends and family, and community partners, such as Florida Hospital, Nemours Children’s Hospital, Second Harvest Food Bank, Brighthouse Networks, and Publix Super Markets are all to be thanked for this effort.

What is our goal?

Our goal for the 2017 Scouting for Food campaign is to collect 600,000 pounds of food; this is roughly 35 items per registered Scout. If you have 10 Scouts in your unit, you should strive to collect 350 items of food.

Can we wear uniforms?

Yes! Scouts are encouraged to wear their full uniform while passing out door hangers and collecting food.

Scouting for Food Unit Coordinator Responsibilities & Timeline

September

- Sign-up your unit up to participate in Scouting for Food by [September Roundtable](#).
- Sign-up your unit for a specific area of coverage. Work with your District's Scouting for Food Coordinator to identify an area for your unit. Make sure it's the right size for your unit.
- Recruit unit parents/leaders to drive vehicles for both distribution day and collection day. **Please note: NO Scouts are to be driven in the back of pickup trucks.**

October

- Pick up your Scouting for Food door hangers at the [October Roundtable](#).
- Host a Unit Presentation (sample agenda included)
- Make sure leaders/parents/Scouts receive detailed instructions and copies of your area map. Make sure they have the appropriate number of hangers.

November

- Make sure all homes in your area receive a hanger on distribution day, [November 4th](#). It is imperative that door hangers are distributed that day – not earlier or later – as it will coincide with our publicity efforts.
- Make sure your same assigned area is combed for bags of food on collection day, [November 11th](#). Do not start earlier than 9am and please be done picking up bags by noon.
- Be prepared to shuttle your collected food to your District's collection site.
- **Please note**: it is encouraged that after you comb your area, re-sweep the neighborhood, as some residents will remember to put a bag out later in the day.
- Make sure all collected food is delivered to your District's collection site by 2pm.
- Don't forget to go to <https://servicehours.scouting.org> and register your unit. Enter the number of Scouts and adults who participated on both days and time you spent on the project. This way, your unit gets full credit for the service it has completed! (This site is good for the service projects you do year-round.) It's also part of your Journey to Excellence goals! And you can earn the Messengers of Peace patch too.

Additional Responsibilities include...

- Communicating with Scouts & families to coordinate tasks on both distribution and collection day.
- Communicate with your District's Scouting for Food Coordinator to confirm your distribution area and food drop-off location.
- Celebrate with your Scouts – recognize their accomplishments.

Contacts & Locations

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District	Scouting for Food Coordinator	District Executive	Roundtable Location
1 – Little Econ	Alex DeLoach alexdeloach@gmail.com	Brandon Gawel 407-913-0474	Center Pointe Church: 9744 Curry Ford Rd, Orlando
2 – Lake	Cathy McLean 352-459-2993 Scoutmom250@gmail.com	Mac Griffith 386-506-1853	LDS Church: 1875 Mt. Vernon Rd, Leesburg
3 – Tuscarora	Donnalee Doyle 407-688-7168 dldoyle@live.com	Devin Mills 321-431-0864	First Presbyterian Church: 724 N. Woodland Blvd, DeLand
4 – Three Rivers		Halvern Johnson 813-245-9687	Daytona Beach PD: 129 Valor Blvd, Daytona Beach
5 - Riverside	Josh Ryan 321-431-8560 Jlryan76@me.com	Kevin Ronayne 727-455-9446	Church of Christ: 810 Hollywood Blvd, West Melbourne
6 – Ft. Gatlin	Laurie Bobletz ljBobletz@gmail.com	Richard Fallon 330-815-1043	LDS Church: 45 E. Par Street, Orlando
7 – Challenger	David Brubaker 321-631-4492 dbrubaker@sharingcenter.org	Matthew Poye 321-544-8605	LDS Church: 1801 S. Fiske Blvd, Rockledge
8 – Osceola	Art Polnasek 321-689-8191	Cory Dewell 407-624-2101	LDS Church: 1900 N. John Young Parkway, Kissimmee
9 – Apopka Shores	Amber Smith 772-267-6821 Ambersmith311@gmail.com	John Burke 770-624-0756	Oakland Presbyterian: 218 Oakland Ave, Oakland
10 – Seminole Springs	Casey Walsh 407-308-5435 Casey.m.walsh@gmail.com	Yul El Habash 941-915-3180	LDS Church: 2255 Lake Emma Road, Lake Mary
27 – Sand Lake	Tommy Byerly 321-395-1044 Troop221orlando@earthlink.net	Jakob Fritz 727-412-5626	LDS Church: 3001 S. Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando
28 – New District	Melissa Williams 718-926-0117 Mwilliams0422@yahoo.com	Howard Pernel 786-259-2045	Shiloh Baptist Church 604 Jackson Street, Orlando

The October Roundtable for the following district will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 7:00pm... 1; 2; 3; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 27 & 28.

The October Roundtable for district 4 will be held on Monday, October 16th at 7:00pm.

Scouting for Food Collection Sites 2017

**Bold Red font – location is
staffed by Second Harvest
Food Bank**

Apopka Shores

**Central Florida Council
1951 S Orange Blossom
Trail
Apopka, FL 32703**

Loaves and Fishes
206 E 8th St.
Apopka, FL 32703

Christian Service Center,
300 W Franklin St.
Ocoee, FL 34761

Montverde United
Methodist Church
17015 Porter Ave.
Montverde, FL 34756

Faith Neighborhood
Center
7432 FL-50 #114
Groveland, FL 34736

Challenger

Blessed Sacrament
5145 N. Cocoa Blvd
Cocoa, FL 32927

Aldi
1450 N Courtenay Pkwy
Merritt Island FL 32953

Aldi
628 Barnes Blvd
Rockledge FL 32955

Sears Town Mall
3550 S Washington Ave
Titusville FL 32780

Fort Gatlin & New District

**Second Harvest
411 Mercy Drive
Orlando, FL 32805**

**Lowe's Home
Improvement
6735 S. US Hwy 17-92
Fern Park, FL 32730**

Lake

Lake Cares Food Pantry
2001 W Old Hwy 441
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Catholic Community of St.
Paul
1331 Sunshine Avenue
Leesburg, FL 34748

First Baptist Church of
Fruitland Park
Day Spring Food
Ministries
609 West Berckman St
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Gloria Dei Lutheran
Church
130 S. Lone Oak Drive
Leesburg, FL 34748

Agape House Ministries
315 East Orange Avenue
Eustis, FL 32726

Lady Lake Food
Distribution Center
229-237 West McClendon
Rd.
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Life Changing Ministries
100 W Ardice Avenue
Eustis, FL 32726

Leesburg Food Bank
503 N. 13th Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

Christian Food Pantry
103 E. Lady Lake Blvd.
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Sorrento Christian Center
Care House
CR 437
Sorrento, FL

First Baptist Church
550 Hatfield Drive
Umatilla, FL

Little Econ

**Carillon Elementary
School
3200 Lockwood Blvd.
Oviedo, FL 32765**

**Jimmy Hula's
Waterford Lakes Village,
12400 Lake Underhill Rd,
Orlando, FL 32828**

Osceola

Osceola Council on Aging
Barney E. Veal Center
700 Generation Point
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Riverside

Ascension Catholic Church
2950 N Harbor City Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32935

Central Middle School
2600 Wingate Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32904

Walmart
1040 Malabar Rd. SE
Palm Bay, FL 32907

Holy Name of Jesus
3050 N. Highway A1A
Indialantic, FL 32903

Sand Lake
Orlando Eye
8401 International Drive
#100
Orlando, FL 32819

Seminole Springs
Community United
Methodist Church
4921 S US Hwy 17 92,
Casselberry, FL 32707

Smokey Bones
1000 WP Ball Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32771

Three Rivers
Bunnell United Methodist
Church
205 N Pine Street
Bunnell, FL 32110

Winn Dixie
1835 FL-44, New Smyrna
Beach, FL 32168

Winn Dixie
4025 S Nova Rd, Port
Orange, FL 32127

Winn Dixie
353 W Granada Blvd,
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Tuscarora
Neighborhood Center
434 S. Woodland Blvd.
DeLand, FL 32720

Pine Ridge Fellowship
Church
1045 E. Normandy Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Unit Presentation

Sample Agenda

Part of our Scouting for Food program is to educate our youth about hunger in our communities. Second Harvest Food Bank of central Florida website (www.feedhopenow.org) has a variety of information that can be used in presentations to help get the message across to our Scouts about who is most affected and how many people need their help.

One in five children in our service area lives in a food insecure home; Scouting for Food is one of the ways we can help make a difference to those in our community.

An effective presentation for Scouts is to try to give them a visual perspective of what you're saying. For example, to illustrate the above statistic have 15 Scouts stand up and separate out three of them indicating that without help, these kids would be hungry. Or, ask them to consider how hungry they were at lunchtime. How hard is it to concentrate on schoolwork or have energy to play at recess?

While educating our Scouts about the need for food in our communities, also encourage them that they are living the Scout Oath ("To help other people at all times") and the Scout Law ("A Scout is Helpful... Kind").

Set-up:

- Be creative
- Include music and snacks
- Bring a copy of your distribution area map and additional copies to give to families

As attendees arrive:

- Greet them and mark every 5th person with a dot sticker on their shirt

Lead a 5-10 minute presentation to inspire your Scout families... include the following:

1. Why do we do Scouting for Food?

- Ask marked attendees to stand up (and remain standing). This is a snapshot of our community, look around. Those standing represent the number of people in our community who go to sleep each night on an empty stomach.
- Every day in our community 20% of us seek food assistance.
- Scouting for Food helps to ensure our neighbors and their families will have an adequate food supply.

2. What can we do to help make this important project successful?

- We need 100% family support for Scouting for Food!
- Scouts that place hangers on November 4th should return to the same homes to collect food on November 11th.

3. Collection Tips

- Arrange for a collection box at places of worship, schools, homeowners associations, apartment/condo clubhouses and offices.

4. Review Schedule for Saturday, November 4th

- Meet at unit assembly location for instructions and refreshments
- Go to your assigned neighborhood to distribute door hangers
- Call your unit leader when you have completed your assigned area

5. Schedule for Saturday, November 11th

- Meet at unit assembly location for instructions and refreshments
- After 9am. return to your assigned neighborhood to collect food
- Deliver your food to your District's collection site

Door Hangers

New this year! If you have participated with us in the past, you have lugged around many, many boxes of plastic bags and worked hard to get those bags to stay on your neighbor's front porch. So, we've made a change to door hangers!

Door hangers will be handed out at the October Roundtable Meeting. These door hangers are to be placed on the doors in your designated area on Saturday, November 4th.

- Please remember to not place door hangers on homes that have “no solicitation signs.”
- Door hangers CANNOT be placed in mailboxes.

If you would like to add a personal touch to each door hanger, please feel free to staple/tape a note or print a sticker/label. Be creative. Examples are at the bottom of this page.

Examples of messages on notes:

Please help Cub Scout Pack 1 reach its goal of 500 items of food to help needy people in our community. Part of our Scout Oath is to help other people and that's what we're trying to do. Will you please help us? Call our coordinator at 123-555-1212 if we haven't picked up your bag by noon next Saturday.

This door hanger was brought to you by Troop 1, sponsored by our neighborhood homeowners association. Please help us make our goal of 500 items of food. All of our food will go to our local food bank, so you'll be helping your neighbors. Thank you!

Help our neighborhood Cub Scout Pack 1 from Austin Elementary School collect food for the Foodbank for the Heartland. Our goal is to collect 500 items of food– please help us! Please put any donations where we can see them on Saturday morning, April 9 before 8 am. Pick up will happen between 8 am and noon! If we miss you, please call our coordinator at 123-555-1212. If you know a boy age 6-10 who's interested in Cub Scouting, please call our Cub leader at 123-555-1313. Thanks for your help!

Advertise Your Unit's Collection

Scouts can be discouraged when they've worked hard and the donations are underwhelming. You can improve your collections by advertising! Here are some examples, but be creative. Consider what will work for your unit in its Scouting for Food Drive.

Church Bulletins/Marquees

This is critical if you are collecting food before/after services or placing boxes/baskets to collect food over a week's timeframe. Church newsletters, bulletins, or marquees can give key information.

*"Scout food drive – November 4-11
500 item goal – Please Help!
Benefits Second Harvest Food Bank"*

School Emails

Many schools have news groups such as Yahoo! or Google and would be willing to send out a note to help your food drive. Example:

"Help boys in your school fight childhood hunger, Cub Scout Pack 101 is participating in the Scouting for Food drive and our goal is to collect 500 items of food. 'Scouting for Food' door hangers will be distributed around the neighborhood on November 4th and food will be collected between 8am and noon on November 11th. If you do not receive a door hanger but would like to contribute, please bring your donation to the school on the 13th or contact our organizer at 555-1212 or organizer@yourdot.com. Thank you for your help!"

Neighborhood Newsletter

If your unit has been assigned an area with a homeowners association, they may have an email distribution or newsletter in which they would let you advertise your food collection. Check with the HOA early as many have publication dates of more than a month in advance. Many newsletters will let homeowners submit articles with a higher priority than a general notice from our Scout office.