BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SCOUTING FOR FOOD
GOOD TURN

WHAT IS SCOUTING FOR FOOD?

"Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work. Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Cub Scouts from your community.

Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of the Scouting movement. Through initiative and hard work, the Boy Scouts have developed a framework that can help local food pantries feed tens of thousands of needy local residents with emergency aid. It is up to the people of your community to make Scouting for Food a success.

The Scouting for Food Campaign will continue to bring Scout units closer to their Chartered Organizations and communities by focusing their food campaign efforts on a pantry in their immediate area, possibly associated with their own Chartered Organization. The campaign will be conducted in March with majority of units dropping flyers and bags on March 23rd and picking up food on March 30th. Units can decide to use other dates and will need to coordinate that with Ann Pfeiffer the Scouting for Food Coordinator. On March 30th units can drop off food at three locations: Walmart on Independence in Springfield, Ozarks Food Harvest, or the Scout Office.

If your unit does not want to drop off bags and flyers in their community, they have the option of handing out flyers at the Walmart on Independence on March 30th. Scouts would need to be in Class A uniforms and have Two-Deep Leadership the entire time. Please contact Ann Pfeiffer, 417-883-1636 ext. 231, if you would like to participate this way.

Food drives can be organized at the district level or by each individual unit as needed. Scouts distribute food drive donation requests (flyers, notes, and/or bags) throughout a designated area and then return to collect plastic grocery bags filled with donated food. The bags are collected and carried to the Ozarks Food Harvest (or a member pantry) or to the Scout Office during the month of March.

Pathfinder District Pantries

If your unit is outside of Springfield and would like to donate to a pantry in your community, please consider an Ozarks Food Harvest member pantry. Contact your local pantry about drop off times and weighing your collected food. They may also be able to provide bags and flyers.

Nixa/ Ozark - Least of These, 417-724-2500
Republic - People Helping People, 417-732-5464
Seymour - King's Food Pantry, 417-838-6031
Ash Grove - Ash Grove Food Pantry, 417-224-3448
Billings - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 417-744-2490

SCOUTING FOR FOOD JOB DESCRIPTION

Unit Coordinator Responsibilities

- Accept responsibility for coordinating unit participation in the Scouting for Food Campaign.
- Identify a food pantry associated with the Ozarks Food Harvest or in your neighborhood/community. Coordinate food delivery with the food pantry. If you are donating to a pantry other than OFH, please contact that pantry to see if they will provide bags and to pick a drop off date. See calendar below for drop off dates and locations in Springfield.
- Attend Roundtables to secure information on food drives, food bags, and campaign material.
- Turn in the Scouting for Food Commitment Card to the Scout office to collect bags and flyers.
- Identify a territory for the unit to conduct the Scouting for Food Campaign. Make sure to keep track of the areas where bags are dropped off so the same homes will be visited on the collection date.
- Recruit adult help with vehicles for collection day to assist Scouts as they collect food door-to-door.
- Coordinate distribution of collection notes and bags by youth members to households in the designated area. Coordinate collection of food by youth members from households in the assigned area. Coordinate drop- off at the food pantry or other location.
- Turn in the Unit Collection Report to the Scout Office with the amount (or closest estimate) of pounds collected. Pantries will be able to weigh your donations when you drop them off.
- Report food drive volunteer service hours for your youth and adults on BSA's Good Turn for America website. (Visit the BSA Good Turn for America link on the National website.)

UNIT MECHANICS

- Commit to participating in the Scouting for Food Campaign in March. Have the Unit Coordinator turn in the Commitment Card to the Scout Office to receive bags and flyers.

- Identify the level of participation the unit would like to have. Will the unit deliver bags or flyers door to door or adapt the campaign to their needs?

- Identify a Unit Scouting for Food Coordinator and have them coordinate with the District Scouting for Food Coordinator, Ann Pfeiffer 417-883-1636 ext 231.

- Flyers and bags will be given to units who turn in the Commitment Card to the Scout Office. The Ozarks Food Harvest will provide the bags for the Springfield area. If you are outside Springfield and donating to a OFH member pantry, we will work with those pantries to get bags to your unit.

- ALL MEMBERS, BOTH YOUTH AND ADULT SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM on food drive days.

- Determine an assembly place and time for bag and/or flyer distribution, bag collection and delivery to the food pantry.

- Campaign Food Bag/ Flyer Distribution
  - Collection bags with householder instructions should be distributed beginning at _____(time).
  - Assemble at meeting place early enough to brief adults and distribute bags and/or flyers.
  - Have enough vehicles for the number of boys participating and area to cover. (Youth cannot ride in back of pickup).
  - All boys should travel in groups of two (buddy system).
  - Vehicles should stay as close to the boys as possible. It is advisable for adults to be on the streets.
  - Do not put bags in mail boxes.
  - Bags should be distributed to residents only. Avoid business or apartment dwellings with no solicitation rules.

  Bag Collection
  - Do not enter any homes.
    Food should be turned in at your collection station at the predetermined time and location.

Important Dates

Monday, February 25- Units who turn in the Scouting for Food Commitment Card to the Scout Office will receive bags and flyers for distribution.

Friday, March 1- Saturday, March 30- The Springfield Scout Shop will have collection barrels inside so units can bring food donations during Scout Shop hours. Mon-Fri-8:30am-5pm, Sat-10am-2pm

Saturday, March 23- Units will drop off bags and flyers in the neighborhood near their Charter Organization. Please see above for best practices when dropping off flyers. (Units can use a date other than this one; it must be specified on their Commitment Card.)

Saturday, March 30- Units will pick up bags of food from the area they dropped off bags and flyers. Adults should coordinate cars for Scouts to put food in. Adults should also be on the sidewalks with the Scouts, adhering to Two-Deep Leadership.

Drop off locations for Saturday, March 30- Units will be able to drop off food donations at multiple locations in Springfield. Units outside Springfield may use these locations as well or coordinate with a more local food pantry.

10am-2pm- Walmart at 2021 E. Independence. Ozarks Food Harvest will have a truck to collect any food donations units have collected. Units will be handing out flyers with a most needed items list to shoppers and collecting donations from them. KADI radio station will be broadcasting from this location as well!

10am-2pm- Ozarks Food Harvest at 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave. Units can drop off food donations at OFH. They will have volunteers ready to weigh your donations and help unload.

10am-2pm- Springfield Scout Shop at 1616 S. Eastgate Ave. Units can drop off food donations at the Scout Shop during open hours. We will not have a scale to weigh your donations.

If your unit will be holding a food drive on a different date and would like to drop off donations at the Ozarks Food Harvest, please contact Sara McClendon at smcclendon@ozarksfoodharvest.org, 417-865-3411 or 417-733-0692.

Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop is asked to conduct a Scouting for Food Campaign benefiting the Ozarks Food Harvest or one of their member pantries. Packs and Troop chartered to the same organization may want to consolidate their campaigns.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD COMMITMENT CARD

OUR UNIT WILL PARTICIPATE IN SCOUTING FOR FOOD

DISTRICT_____PACK _____TROOP _____TEAM _____CREW ____

OUR FOOD CAMPAIGN WILL BENEFIT THE FOLLOWING PANTRY

Name: Ozarks Food Harvest_____

Address: 2810 N Cedarbrook Ave._____

City: Springfield_____Zip Code: 65803_____

NUMBER OF BAGS REQUESTED*: _____. *(required for bag allocation)

NOTE: Our supply of donated grocery bags is available each February on a first-come first-served basis. If you request bag and our supply is used up, ask your local groceries if they can donate enough bags to cover your unit's neighborhoods.

OUR CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE FOLLOWING DATE(S):

_____

UNIT COORDINATOR:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ZIP _____

PHONE_____EMAIL_____FAX_____

UNIT LEADER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ZIP_____

PHONE _____EMAIL_____FAX_____

Note: Please report results to your Scouting for Food Chairperson or Activities Chair when completed.

Thank You!

Ozark Trails Council Activities Committee

UNIT COLLECTION REPORT

Unit (Pack, Troop, Team, Crew & #) _____

# of Participants _____

We are proud to report that we have collected and turned in _____items of food at
Number of items

_____To help feed the hungry.
Location

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District Copy

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