



Stonewall Jackson Area Council Scouting for Food October, 2017

"Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing of hunger in the community in which we live and work.

Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Boy Scouts, Venture's, and Cub Scouts from your community. Food drives can be organized at the district level or by each individual unit. Scouts distribute food drive donation requests (bags or door hangers) throughout a designated area and then return to collect plastic grocery bags filled with donated food. The bags are collected and carried to local food pantries, churches, shelters for the homeless, and other local agencies that feed those in need.

When is it?

Saturday, October 21st, is Distribution Day - Scouts all over the Stonewall Jackson Area Council will place empty food bags or door hangers in neighborhoods.

Saturday, October 28th, is Collection Day - Scouts return to pick up bags filled with donated canned goods which are then distributed to food banks and local food pantries within the district in which the food is collected. Along with collections, units may also do food drives in front of local grocery stores and other retail locations.

Why do we participate in "Scouting for Food"? - Scouting teaches youth the value of helping others and to give back to their communities. By collecting food for people in need throughout our council, Scouts are doing a good turn and helping other people.

Goal - 100% Participation. This year's need is especially urgent. We're asking EVERY Pack, Troop and Crew to participate in Scouting for Food. And, report the total service hours to easily increase your Journey to Excellence score!

4 Easy Steps...

- ✓ Attend your October district Roundtable for door hangers or bags and give to Scouts and leaders.
- ✓ Distribute door hangers or bags on Saturday morning, October 21st.
- ✓ Return to same neighborhoods on Saturday morning, October 28th to collect food. Count or weigh totals and bring to your local SFF collection location.
- ✓ Tally your total service hours to report to your November Roundtable and include for your Service Hours reported on the JTE web site!

Reporting your totals and service hours online is easy! Get your Unit ID from your district SFF Chair or District Executive. Tally up food totals & participant hours (youth & adults). When you have everything ready, head to the JTE web site: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>



Turn this page over for a handy flyer of Scouting for Food Important Dates! Please make copies for unit leaders and distribute to youth members. This flyer may also be downloaded from the SJAC web site: www.bsa-sjac.org



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Important Dates

Before October 2017 Roundtable - Estimate the number of bags your unit will need for your collection area. (Plus the number of bags needed if participating in church/congregational food collections). If your unit will collect in front of a store, be sure to secure permission early and give details to your district's SFF Chair.

October Roundtable - Pick up the SFF bags your unit will need. All units should be prepared to pick up (and transport) their SFF bags, both for neighborhood delivery and enough for church distribution. The bags come in boxes of 1,000 or 2,000. (Additional bags will be available by contacting our Service Center).

Early October- Church announcements – Ask your charter organization (churches) to place announcements in their October newsletters and/or bulletins. Ask your clergy to include Scouting for Food in their pulpit announcements. Recruit uniformed Scouts to collect canned goods on October 28th.

October 21st - Neighborhood distribution - Please distribute bags to your assigned neighborhoods. Unit leaders should verify where solicitations were dropped off. Remember – it is illegal to attach bags/door hangers to mail boxes!

October 28th – Units return to collect food from your assigned neighborhoods and deliver to one of the Scouting for Food (SFF) collection sites for weighing or counting and sorting.

If your unit is participating in store front collections, be sure to have a barrel or collection box (available from BRAFB) in advance! Upon completion, bring your donations to your closest SFF collection site. Church collections received on Sunday, October 28th should be promptly delivered early the following week to their pantry or a SFF collection site.

Late October- Early November – Report your unit totals and service hours at November Roundtable and on the JTE Service Hours website!

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