

February 6 - February 13, 2021

Unit Leader's Guide



Dear Scouters,

Each year, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary in February by giving back to the community through the Scouting for Food campaign. The Scout Oath states “To help other people at all times” and four of the 12 points of the Scout Law are “helpful, friendly, courteous, kind” so service to our communities is of paramount importance to who we are as Scouts and Scouters.

On February 6, 2021, Scouts all over the eight counties of the Old North State Council will hit the streets. Scouts will distribute door hangers that will request residents to prepare one or more bags of non-perishable food and place them on their porch or driveway the following Saturday, February 13th for the Scouts to pick up. Scouts will then deliver the collected food to food pantries, churches, and other locations around the Council Area. Each year, the Old North State Council collects between 45,000 and 55,000 pounds of food for the needy. Let’s try to exceed that this year and provide even more food for those who are in need of assistance. The goal in 2021 is to have every Scout unit in the Old North State Council participate in Scouting for Food. Even if your unit does not distribute door hangers, the Scouts and adults can still collect food from their chartered organization and deliver it to the nearest food pantry. Every bit of food collected helps those in need. It also helps the Scouts earn service hours which can count towards rank advancement and the unit’s Journey to Excellence!

The council has developed this Leader’s Guide to help units plan and organize this year’s campaign. Inside, you’ll find important contact information, tips, safety guidelines, important dates, food drop off locations, and more. We hope this will be a useful tool in your efforts to give back to the communities we serve.

THANK YOU for participating in Scouting for Food. Let’s make a HUGE impact this year and collect as much food as possible. Our communities are counting on us to make a difference!

Yours in Scouting,

Jason Powers

Council Staff Adviser – Scouting for Food
Old North State Council



Important Dates

1. **Mid-January** – Ask your chartered organization (church) to place announcements in their January newsletters and/or bulletins. Ask your clergy to include Scouting for Food in their pulpit announcements. Don't forget to ask your own church to do this if you attend a different church from your chartered organization!
2. **Mid/late-January** – Contact local food pantry (page 6) to confirm drop off time and date. Determine if any special instructions are needed to local units delivering to the same location.
3. **Saturday, February 6th** – Distribute door hangers to neighborhoods and communities. **(DO NOT PLACE HANGERS ON MAILBOXES-IT IS AGAINST THE LAW)!!**
4. **Sunday, February 7th** – Ensure that all church congregations hear the Scouting for Food message and are asked to bring food the following Sunday.
5. **Saturday, February 13th** – Starting at 9:00 AM, units collect food from neighborhoods where door hangers were distributed. Deliver to local Food collection site. Take care to get them all!
6. **Sunday, February 14th** – Attend service at chartered organization and home church to pick up food donated by members of the congregation. (If charter is not meeting, schedule time to pick up any food that is dropped off at Charter)
7. **Wednesday, February 17th** – Submit your total pounds of food collected to your District Executive or council. **(Special Incentive: Report your food totals by this date and receive a participation Streamer for 2021).**



Unit Leader Check List

- Communicate with your District Scouting for Food Chair to report/confirm your assigned area
- Determine how many Scouts will participate and how many adults will be available to drive when distributing door hangers and when picking up the food. Large vehicles or trucks are recommended.
- Determine how many homes are within your designated area so you can accurately estimate the number of door hangers you will need.
- Make maps and sign-up sheet available at unit meetings prior to distribution day.
- Distribute door hangers to Scouts at the unit meeting just before distribution day.
- Leaders should call/email Scout families the night before distribution and collection to remind them.
- Assemble all Scouts and adults to receive final instructions before distributing door hangers.
- All Scouts and adults should wear the proper Scout Uniform when distributing door hangers, collecting food, and delivering to the food banks. Uniform hats are recommended since Scouts will probably be wearing coats or jackets and the uniform might not be visible.
- Scouts should stay in buddy teams. No Scout should be alone and nobody should ride in the back of pick-up trucks.
- Begin distribution and collection at 9:00 AM. Earlier will disturb residents.
- Hang the door hangers on the front or most obvious door or the front porch. Do not knock but if the resident is outside or greets you, explain the importance of the program.
- Use sidewalks and driveways; do NOT cut across yards.
- **Do not put door hangers on or in mailboxes.**
- On collection day, only collect visible bags. Do not knock on doors or ask for bags.
- Have a clean-up team revisit the neighborhoods in the late morning or early afternoon to collect missed or late bags. A lot of food gets missed each year because of late bags so this can REALLY impact the amount of food we collect!
- Send all collection results to Jason Powers at jason.powers@scouting.org using the by Wednesday, February 17th - 8:00 PM.

Important Contact Information

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Scouting for Food Drop-off Locations

Collection sites will be open and receiving food from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 13th. Some locations will have scales, but most will not so please keep track of the food you collect. For those units without scales, use the formula, 1 can/item = 1 pound.

The below locations have been used in the past. If you plan to deliver your food to one of the locations below or have an additional location you would like to deliver to, please make coordination before February 13th. Some locations may have different drop-off times. Your District Executive will help make contact with these locations. If any location is not able to accept food on February 13th, your District Executive will send out an update to units in that area.

Davidson County

Pastor's Pantry
307 N. State St., Lexington, NC 27293

Davie County

A Storehouse for Jesus
675 E. Lexington Rd., Mocksville, NC 27028

Guilford County

Wesleyan Memorial United Methodist Church
1225 Chestnut St., High Point, NC 27262

Greensboro Urban Ministry
305 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27406

Love In Need
Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church
4736 Mount Gilead Church Rd
Trinity, NC 27370

Rockingham County

Reidsville Outreach Center
435 S.W. Market St., Reidsville, NC 27320

Randolph County

Community Outreach of Archdale and Trinity
10607 U.S. 311, Archdale, NC 27263

Christians United Outreach Center
135 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, NC 27203

Alamance County

Harvest Baptist Church
3741 S. Church St., Burlington, NC 27215

Mebane Presbyterian
402 S. 5th St, Mebane NC 27302

S.A.F.E
5950 Hwy 87 S, Graham, NC 27253
Racheal: 336-212-6013

Salvation Army
812 Anthony St, Burlington NC 27215

Allied Churches
206 N. Fisher St, Burlington NC 27217

Person County

Christian Help Center
122 Depot St., Roxboro, NC 27573

Unit Recognition

All units that participate in Scouting for Food and submit their totals to the council by Wednesday, February 17th will be awarded with the 2021 Scouting for Food ribbon. This is to be displayed on your pack or troop flag so you can proudly show the community that your unit participated in one of the largest service projects in the Piedmont Triad!

As the food pickup date approaches, the Scouting for Food Staff Adviser will send an email to all participating units with information about how to submit your food collection totals. A variety of options will be available so everyone can use a method that works best for them but submitted these totals by Wednesday, February 17th is critical so we can announce the results of our efforts to WFMY for their Weekly follow-up broadcast.



History

Scouting for Food is an annual program of the Boy Scouts of America begun in 1985 by the Greater Saint Louis Area Council that collects food for local food agencies. In 1988, the BSA held the first national Scouting for Food campaign, and collected more than 60 million food items to be distributed to local food agencies.

Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of the Scouting movement and its dedication to do an implement the Scout Slogan and do good turn daily. Each year, local Cub and Scouts BSA leave door hangers for their neighbors soliciting non-perishable food items. One week later, the Scouts return to pick up and deliver the bags of food to a local food bank. Scouts BSA members and Cub Scouts have stood outside major food retailers (with permission) soliciting donations from shoppers. The donations are delivered directly to the local food bank that day.

Local need

Adult need:

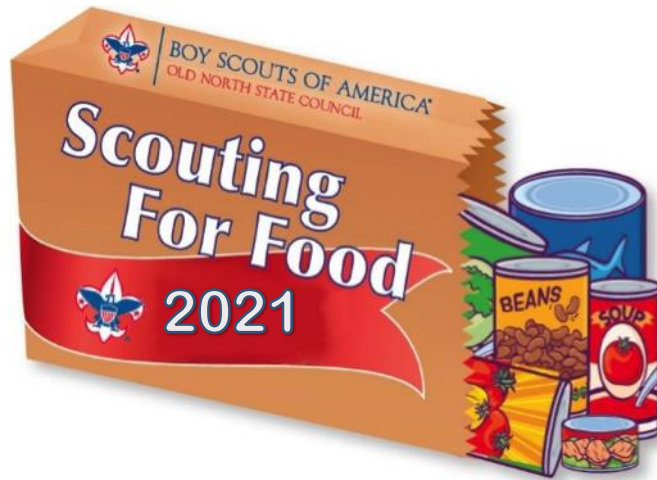
Over 1.6 million North Carolinians, or 18.2 percent of the state's population, are "**food-insecure**", meaning they at times lack access for enough food for all household members. Between 2010-14 North Carolina regularly ranked among the top ten states with the highest percentage of citizens experiencing food shortages.

Children:

North Carolina has one the highest percentages in the United States of children under 18 years of age who are food insecure on a regular basis: in N.C. over 1 in 4. (24.6%)

75% of families served by food banks had to decide between buying food and heating their homes.
36% of food pantries have had to turn people away for lack of food inventory.

We need to help!



Use this form to submit the results from your Scouting for Food collection efforts.

What is your district?

- Akela
- Alamance
- Cherokee
- Guilford
- Uwharrie

Unit Type?

- Pack
- Troop
- Crew
- Team

Unit Number: _____

Number of Scouts Participating (include both Saturdays): _____

Number of Adults Participating (include both Saturdays): _____

Number of Siblings Participating (include both Saturdays): _____

Number of Hours Worked by Unit (include both Saturdays): _____

Number of Pounds Collected: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND EMAIL TO jason.powers@scouting.org and your District Executive