2027 SCOUTING FOR FOOD



WHAT YOUR UNIT NEEDS TO DO...

DECEMBER 2026

- Determine whether you will do a traditional neighborhood "Door-to-Door" SFF drive or a "Storefront" donation drive. You may need to contact and talk with staff at your local food pantry to help you make this decision (see first bullet point under January 2027). If you decide to do a Storefront donation drive, be sure to get clear permission from the store manager for the specific date.

- Designate a SFF Unit Contact. Go to https://forms.gle/nX3nyXJnLy7FY3cBA and fill in the name, email, and phone information for your Unit Contact plus how many Door Hangers you will need (if not using Door Hangers, enter "0"). Click "Submit" to send in your Unit Contact information and request for Door Hangers. After the event, unit contacts will be emailed a separate form for completing reporting information. This form is also available on the Glacier's Edge website.

JANUARY 2027

- Contact the Food Pantry to which you plan to bring the food donations you have collected to let them know of your plans. Determine whether they will accept all donations, or only certain items. If they will only accept certain items, you will have to decide on a way to communicate this, either through labels on your Door Hangers or a supplemental sheet, or a handout to customers entering the store where you are doing a Storefront collection.

- Alternatively, Second Harvest Food Bank, 2802 Dairy Drive, Madison, WI 53718, 608-216-7200, accepts donations of all food items collected. If you want to consider donating your collections to Second Harvest, you should let them know of your plans. You can also view their "most needed non-perishable food items" here: https://www.secondharvestsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Most_Needed_Items_En.pdf

- Wherever you plan to bring your donations, you will need to arrange a date and time for delivering what you have collected. Traditionally, this would be on the Saturday on which we collect the donations. However, some food pantries may not be open to receive donations on that day. For example, Second Harvest Food Bank only accepts deliveries Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. If you cannot bring your collections directly to your food pantry on that Saturday, you may need to arrange a temporary location for collecting and storing the donations until they can be transported to the food pantry on a weekday.

- Door Hangers will start to be available at the scout service center around mid January for pick up but will be directly available at February Roundtables.

FEBRUARY 2027

- Recruit the workers you will need for your Door-to-Door or Storefront donation drive.

- If you are doing a Storefront donation drive give the store manager a copy of the list you will hand out to customers so that he/she can stock up on those items.

- If you are doing a Door-to-Door donation drive, pick up your Door Hangers at your February District Roundtable or at the Scout Service Center.

- If you plan to affix labels to the Door Hangers with Unit contact information or the specific kinds of food donations being accepted, make plans to prepare those labels and organize a "labeling party" to get them affixed to the Door Hangers. Record the number of hours spent for later reporting.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting For Food is an annual food drive sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. It is part of our program that emphasizes our slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily." Since 1988, Scouts nationwide have participated in this effort. Annually in the Glacier's Edge Council, we have consistently collected over 100,000 pounds of food that benefits over 35 community food pantries.

March 6th

Door Hanger Distribution

March 13th

Donation Collection

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- Prepare any maps needed by Scouts and parents of the neighborhoods they will be assigned to cover in distributing the Door Hangers. Remind them that they will return to these same “territories” the following Saturday to collect the food donations.
- Establish a place and time for Scouts and parents to meet on March 6 to pick up their territory maps and Door Hangers, and again on March 13 to begin the collection of donations. Prepare clear instructions for participating Scouts and parents.
- As you deem appropriate, promote your Scouting for Food drive in your local newspaper, in organization bulletins and newsletters, and by email and social media.

ON MARCH 6, 2027

- Have Scouts and parents meet at the designated time and place.
- Distribute Door Hangers, instructions, and maps of the neighborhoods/territories to be covered.
- Record the number of participants and the hours they spend distributing Door Hangers for later reporting.
- Scouts should travel in groups of two or more using the “Buddy System” or with their parent, never alone.

ON MARCH 13, 2027

- If you are doing a Storefront donation drive, set up whatever you need at the store entrance and exit to engage customers and make them aware of the SFF drive. You should also provide a jar or other container at the exit to collect monetary donations for the food pantry. Many customers donate both food items and money.
- If you are doing a Door-to-Door donation drive, have Scouts and parents meet at the designated place at 9:00 a.m.
- Direct them to collect donations set out in the same locations as the Door Hangers were distributed the previous Saturday.
- After the first sweep, a make a second sweep through the areas about 10:30 a.m. to collect any donations that may have been set out late or missed the first time.
- Provide instructions to the Scouts and parents regarding delivery of what is collected—either to the designated food pantry or to a temporary collection point for later delivery to the pantry or food bank.
- Whenever you deliver the donations that are collected, make sure the food pantry gives you either the total weight of the items collected or the number of items collected. You will need to report this to the Glacier’s Edge Council.
- Record the number of participants and the hours they spend collecting and delivering food donations.

REPORTING

After all SFF work is done and the collections have been delivered, combine the records of how many Scouts and adults participated in the work and the total hours of service they contributed. Report these numbers and hours, and the amount of food items collected on the Glacier’s Edge Council SFF reporting form: https://forms.gle/6tsXzvecgV4iQ2DG8

Door Hangers available at February Roundtables and Council Service Center! Contact your District Executive for questions.

DO

- Wear your Scout uniform
- Use the buddy system
- Have plenty of adult leaders
- Stay away from yards with dogs
- Hang door hangers securely on doors
- Take photos for future publicity & promotion

DON'T

- Enter any home or apartment building
- Allow Scouts to ride in truck beds
- Put door hangers in or on mailboxes
- Walk across lawns; stay on sidewalks & driveways
- Leave door hangers where there is a "No Solicitation" sign
- "A Scout is Courteous" No loud yelling or horseplay while distributing door hangers or collecting donations