



# ***Scouting for Food***

UNIT CHAIRPERSON TOOLKIT



Dear Scouting Volunteers:

First of all, THANK YOU for volunteering to be your Unit's Scouting for Food Chairperson! You are the primary driving force behind the Scouting for Food program in your Unit and this impactful service project could not succeed without you.

One in five people in our community struggle with the daily need of wholesome and nutritious meals. When Scouts go into our neighborhoods and collect food, they are truly helping those in need while developing a lifelong virtue of community service. The Covid-19 pandemic has only exacerbated this need. We hope that this project will result in well stocked food banks to help stop hunger in our communities.

I am a volunteer just like you and it is truly my honor to support Scouting in this important service project and character building program. Thank you for being a Scouting volunteer, and thank you for leading your Unit in the 2021 Scouting for Food project. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way to make your Unit's efforts a success.

Yours in Scouting,

Kathy Neuburger  
Council Program Chairperson,  
Golden Empire Council

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Golden Empire Council

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# **Food Drive Overview**

*Scouting for Food is the Boy Scouts of America's nationwide service project to help stop hunger in our communities. It began as a Scout's service project in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1985, and was adopted by the Boy Scout National Organization in 1988.*

Scouting for Food takes place on first two consecutive weekends of March. On the first weekend, scouts distribute door hangers to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second weekend, scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice, and other nonperishable items.

## **Make it Fun**

Encourage participants to take photos during the event and make it fun! Have a competition to see what small cohort or family can have the most fun helping their community. Please remind your families that a Scout is helpful, courteous, and kind. This means always wearing a face covering and following social distancing guidelines. Send your photos too [Socialmedia@gec-bsa.org](mailto:Socialmedia@gec-bsa.org).

## **Uniforms**

Remind Scouts that they must be in Class A uniforms during all phases of the project.

## **Reporting and Recognition**

Before delivering food to your food bank please count the number of items your unit collected.

If you receive monetary donations, food banks prefer that the money be turned over to them rather than purchasing food to donate. They have partnerships with local stores and can buy 13 pounds of food for every dollar spent.

Please help us at the conclusion of the food drive by providing complete reporting its as Easy as 1,2,3

1. Scouting for food Report – Please report the information below to your District Chairperson or District Executive no later than 4:00 PM on March 13<sup>th</sup>
2. Service Hours -Please enter your units service hours after you have completed Scouting for Food. Service hours can be entered at <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>
3. Celebrate your hard work and all you have done for your Community

# 2021 Scouting For Food Report Card

Please contact your District Chairperson or Executive to report the following information no later than 4pm on March 13, 2021

*Thank you!*

Pack | Troop | Crew | Team (*circle one*) Number

Total Number of Scouts Participating in the Project

Total Number of **Non** Scouts Participating in the Project

Total Number of Friends/Family Participating in the Project

Total Number of Leaders Participating in the Project

**GRAND TOTAL PARTICIPANTS**

**TOTAL HOURS (TOTAL PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_ X TOTAL HOURS \_\_\_\_\_) =**

**FOOD ITEMS DELIVERED TO \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS COLLECTED (TOTAL GOODS X 1 = )**

**TOTAL MONETARY DONATIONS COLLECTED**



# Safety and Best Practices

*As with any Scouting project or event, it is not considered a success unless it can be completed safely.  
Please Follow these Safety Guidelines during your service project.*

1. State and local social distancing guidelines must be followed during this activity
2. Follow the [Restarting Scouting Check List](#)
3. Scouts should stay within their Family Group or Stable Cohort outlined in the [Industry Specific Day Camp Covid Guide](#) while distributing door hangers and picking up food.
4. Anyone who feels sick should stay home and not participate

Industry Specific Day camp Covid Guidance

<https://emd.saccounty.net/EMD-COVID-19-Information/Documents/COVID-19%20Guidance%20for%20Day%20Camps.pdf>

National statement on Covid-19

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

Restart Scouting Check list:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>

State of California

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

5. Qualified supervision: every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care.
6. Adults should be able to see the scouts at all times.
7. Scouts should never enter a supporter's home.
8. Follow the guide to safe scouting. view the guide at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>
9. Remember some areas may be deemed unsafe please skip those areas
10. Only place fliers on the front door Not the mailbox. Placing non mail items in/on a mailbox is illegal
11. Be aware of "no Solicitation signs, gated communities, Etc.
12. Ensure that all participants riding in vehicles wear seat belts.
13. Scouts are never to ride in the back of a pickup truck.
14. Monetary donations should be turned in to adults immediately.
15. Always wear a face covering and practice social distancing





## FOOD PICK-UP

Saturday, March 6 & 13 | 9:00 am

Hunger. It's a way of life for an increasing number of families. Groups providing assistance are struggling with increasing requests and shrinking resources. The Boy Scouts of America answers this call by collecting food and supporting community agencies that fight hunger. Please help us provide food and hope to our neighbors.

Scouts will be collecting non-perishable food items in your area on Saturday, March 6 & Saturday, March 13.

Please leave your donation in a grocery bag or box **on your porch by 9:00 am.** Your gift will make a difference. **Thank you!**



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### SUGGESTED ITEMS

Meals in a Can	Canned Meats (poultry, fish)
Peanut Butter	Dried Beans
Canned Fruits	Canned Vegetables
Non-Fat Dry Milk	Canned Evaporated Milk
Pasta   Macaroni	Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Boxed or Bagged Cereals	Rice, Oatmeal
Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat	Canned Soup
Canned Chili	Canned Stew
Canned Sloppy Joes	Canned Beans

"To help others at all times..."

~ BOY SCOUT OATH

## Join Scouting!

Visit [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) to learn more.



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# Local Food Banks and District SFF Contacts

## Three Rivers District

### Elk Grove Food Bank Services

9820 Dino Dr #140, Elk Grove, CA, 95624

Elk Grove/ Three Rivers South Scouting for food Chairperson Keith McConnell 916 919 5206

### Rancho Cordova Food Locker

10497 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670

### River City Food Bank

2300 Edison Ave, Sacramento, CA, 95821

Sacramento/ Three Rivers North Scouting for food Chairperson Charles Potter 916 201 6622

## American River District

### Rancho Cordova Food Locker

10497 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670

### Twin Lakes Food Bank

327 Montrose Dr. Folsom, CA, 95630

American River Scouting for Food Contact Nick Rogness 916 500 9555

## Placer District

### Auburn Interfaith Food Closet

12972 Earhart Ave Ste 301, Auburn, CA, 95602

### The Salt Mine Food Closet

590 Lincoln Blvd Lincoln, CA, 95648

### St. Vincent De Paul Food locker

503 Giuseppe Court, Suite 8, Roseville, CA, 95678

Placer Scouting for Food Contact Jonathan Rogness 310 717 1925

# Buttes District

## Food Bank of Nevada County

310 Railroad Ave unit 100, Grass Valley, CA, 95945

Scouting for Food Contact Randeep Lally 530 300 7371

## Catholic Ladies Relief Society

Chico Area

Scouting for Food Contact Alyssa Coute 951 587 7478 [Alyssa.coute@scouting.org](mailto:Alyssa.coute@scouting.org)

## Yuba-Sutter Food Bank

760 Stafford Way, Yuba City, CA, 95991

Scouting for Food Contact Randeep Lally 530 300 7371

# Pioneer Express District

## Divine Savior Catholic Church

## St Vincent De Paul Food Bank

3100 Norris Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821

## Rancho Cordova Food Locker

10497 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670

Scouting for Food Contact Matt Mahlke At [Farby4@yahoo.com](mailto:Farby4@yahoo.com)

Or Stephen Croff 916 239 9253

# Yolano District

## STEAC

1712 Picasso Ave, Suite D, Davis, CA, 95618

## Woodland Food Closet

509 College Street, Woodland, CA 95776

## Vacaville Storehouse

1146 E. monte Vista Ave, Vacaville, CA, 95688

Scouting for Food Contact Guy Jaseph 707 761 6745 or Tyler Bonino 530 908 1879