



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 you live and work.

The word “Scouting” in Scouting for Food, is derived from the Boy Scout movement. It is the Boy Scout organization that makes Scouting for Food a success.

Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from your community. Scouts distribute and collect plastic bags (of the variety used to bag food in many grocery stores) throughout a designated area, the bags are collected and carried to common collection points. The food is then delivered to local provider agencies which will make the food available to the needy through food pantries and other shelters for the homeless.

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 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 2004-2005 Scouting For Food Campaign will continue to bring Scout units closer to their Chartered Organizations and communities by focussing their food campaign efforts on a pantry in their immediate area, possibly associated with their own Chartered Organization. The campaign is flexible and units may schedule their campaign at a time convenient for their members and based on the needs of their local pantry.

Mechanics of the campaign are open-ended. Units may elect to use food bags provided by a local grocer or develop a campaign strategy best suited to their membership and abilities.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD JOB DESCRIPTIONS

District Food Drive Chairman

- Determine areas the units will be responsible for and help identify areas of possible duplication of effort.
- Assist in identifying food pantries in each community.
- Assist units with collection plans and resource materials.
- Have units report collection results. Keep District and Council Activities Committees apprised of campaign results.
- Recognize units at Round Tables for participating.

Unit Coordinator Responsibilities

- Accept responsibility for coordinating unit participation in the Scouting For Food Campaign.
- Identify a food pantry associated with the unit's chartered partner or in the neighborhood. Coordinate food delivery with the food pantry.
- With the help of the District Food Campaign Chairman, identify a territory for the unit to conduct the Scouting for Food Campaign
- Recruit adult help with vehicles for collection day to assist Scouts as they collect food door-to-door.
- Attend Roundtables to secure information, food bags, and campaign material.
- Coordinate distribution of collection bags by youth members to households in the assigned area.

UNIT MECHANICS

- Commit to participating in the Scouting for Food Campaign between November 2004 and February 28, 2005. (*Or other times your local food bank needs help.*)
 - Identify the level of participation the unit would like to have. Will the unit deliver bags door to door or adapt the campaign to their needs.
 - Identify a Unit Scouting For Food Coordinator.
 - ALL MEMBERS, BOTH YOUTH AND ADULT SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM.
 - DETERMINE AN ASSEMBLY PLACE AND TIME FOR bag distribution, bag collection and delivery to the food pantry.
 - Campaign Food Bag Distribution
 - Collection bags with householder instructions should be distributed beginning at _____(time).
 - Assemble at meeting place early enough to brief adults and distribute bags.
 - 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.

District Roundtables

- Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop will be asked to conduct a food campaign in the geographic area that serves their Chartered Organization or community sometime between November 2004 and ending February 28, 2005.
- Each unit is asked to identify a food pantry that serves their Chartered Organization.
- To avoid duplication of territory a district Food Campaign Chairman will assist with unit campaign development.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD Local Food Pantries

This list is not complete. There are many Food Pantries associated with churches and agencies in each city. Check with your Chartered Organization for additional pantry possibilities.

TARRANT COUNTY

FOOD BANK, 2600 CULLEN, FORT WORTH = 332-9177

JOHNSON COUNTY

B.M.A. HARVEST HOUSE, 232 BUFFORD, BURLESON 76028
OPERATING BLESSING, 204 S. CADDO, CLEBURNE 76031

DENTON COUNTY

DENTON COMMUNITY FOOD SERVICES, 319 EAST OAK, DENTON
LEWISVILLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION, LEWISVILLE

COOKE COUNTY

BOHL'S FURNITURE, 1000 E. CALIFORNIA, GAINESVILLE
(Volunteer Action Center will receive these food goods)

PARKER COUNTY

MANNA STORE HOUSE, 122 EAST CHURCH, WEATHERFORD

WISE COUNTY

FAITH TEMPLE, HWY. 414 WEST MILL, DECATUR

PALO PINTO COUNTY

PALO PINTO COMMUNITY SERVICES, 314 N.W. 4TH ST.,
MINERAL WELLS

HOOD PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE, 9 KINGS PLACE, GRANBURY

YOUNG GRAHAM AREA CRISES CENTER, 505 SECOND, GRAHAM

SCOUTING FOR FOOD UNIT TIMETABLE

October 2004

Units commit to conducting a Scouting For Food Campaign in a territory benefiting their community or Chartered Organization.

November 2004

At each District Roundtable, units participating in Scouting for Food will receive:

- Instructions on how to work your assigned area
- Final confirmation on your unit territory
- Materials for conducting a food campaign.

December 2004

Conduct Food Campaign
Report Results to District SFF Chairman

January 2005

Conduct Food Campaign
Report Results to District SFF Chairman

February 2005

Conduct Food Campaign
Report Campaign results to District campaign Chairman and Chartered Organization



Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop is asked to conduct a Scouting For Food Campaign benefiting a food pantry serving their Chartered Organization. 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 _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

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

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!

Longhorn Council Activities Committee