



# ***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 2022 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,

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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 GECBSAMarketing@gmail.com.

## **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 12<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

# 2022 Scouting For Food Report Card

Please contact your District Chairperson or Executive to report the following information no later than 4pm on March 12, 2022

*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 (TOTALGOODS 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. Adults should be able to always see the scouts.
3. Scouts should never enter a supporter's home.
4. Follow the guide to safe scouting. view the guide at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>
5. Remember some areas may be deemed unsafe please skip those areas
6. Only place fliers on the front door Not the mailbox. Placing non mail items in/on a mailbox is illegal
7. Be aware of "no Solicitation signs, gated communities, Etc.
8. Ensure that all participants riding in vehicles wear seat belts.
9. Scouts are never to ride in the back of a pickup truck.
10. Monetary donations should be turned in to adults immediately.
11. Always wear a face covering and practice social distancing

## **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 Charles Potter (916) 201 6622

#### **Rancho Cordova Food Locker**

10497 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670

#### **River City Food Bank**

2300 Edison Ave, Sacramento, CA, 95821

## 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 Julie Vasquez (559) 356-2124

## 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 Russ Erickson (530) 518-8508

Catholic Ladies Relief Society

Chico Area

Scouting for Food Contact Russ Erickson (530) 518-8508

Yuba-Sutter Food Bank

760 Stafford Way, Yuba City, CA, 95991 Scouting for

Food Contact Russ Erickson (530) 518-8508

## 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 Steve Carter (916) 813-3778 or pg5577@gmail.com

## Yolano District

STEAC

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

Scouting for Food Contact Sherry Heins (530) 574-3360

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

## Northern Rivers District

Salvation Army

2691 Larkspur Ln, Redding CA 96002

Scouting for Food Contact David Goldsberry (530)209-4838 or Anna Pownell (507)581-3694