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SCOUTING FOR FOOD SERVICE PROJECT

**North Star District
April 18th, 2020**

Why should we help with this project?

All North Star Units are expected to participate in **Scouting for Food**. There are people in our communities that are in need of help and our service provides a benefit. Because we are **Scouts**, we should help with **Scouting for Food**. All the food collected by **Scouting for Food** in North Star District is requested for and delivered to the pantry of your unit's choice. If your unit cannot participate on April 18th, please contact Mike Faulk (mythreesons08@att.net) for/with an alternate plan.

What to do:

- Designate a contact person for your unit to organize your efforts
- Locate your local food bank, food pantry, or other non-profit agency in your area to coordinate what their needs are and arrange the drop off of food items
- Canvass your neighborhoods (either one-step (all in one day), or 2 step: leave flyers or bags with dated sticker and then pick up on April 18th)
- Knock on the door and ask if they would like to contribute canned or packaged goods to Scouting for Food for needy families in North Star District
- Document your efforts by registering your service hours with the Council

Safety Guidelines:

- Work with a Buddy
- Wear your uniform
- Be friendly and courteous; walk on sidewalks, not lawns
- Thank people, even if they don't contribute
- NEVER enter a home
- If someone gives you money, turn it in at the collection site
- Have fun with your fellow Scouts!



TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHER UNITS

Scouting Magazine surveyed their readers for tips and suggestions related to Scouting for Food. Here are 10 of their favorites.

1. “We are in a rural area, and we take extra trash bags and pick up any trash that we see in the neighborhood. The neighbors love that extra help.” (Micaela H.)
2. “Our area is large and centered around the school, so we set our dens off with maps and highlighters so they can indicate what sides of the street got done and where they stopped. Then on pickup day, they know exactly what areas to re-canvas.” (Jon P.)
3. “Our troop mans the collection point and serves hot chocolate and homemade doughnuts to the Cub Scouts. Great for recruiting and retention.” (@troop407)
4. “Organization, organization, organization. Get as many kids as you can that way they are not out there as long and will be in better spirits.” (Darrick B.)
5. “We send two or three Scouts to each door. Many people want to give one item to each Scout so instead of one item we get two or three.” (J.T. H.)
6. “If your unit is big enough, set up shop at a local store in addition to the door-to-door pickup!” (@ScoutingNews)
7. “We include a nice letter in the bags explaining what we’re doing as well as leave a thank- you note when we pick up. And on the initial bag letter I always leave my contact information in case they miss the pickup and still want to donate.” (Jon P.)
8. “Where we are, there are only so many entrances to the neighborhoods. So we made up signs that we stick at the front of each area letting everyone know when we would be picking up bags.” (Jason M.)
9. “Have each boy bring in food to their next meeting that they collect from friends and family.” (Patricia R.)
10. Finally, the always-popular pie in the face: “You can set a goal, and if every den gets that goal, then they get to put a pie in their den leader’s face.” (Chris C.)



GLEANERS

\$1 = food for 3 meals when you donate online at: gleaners.org/donate

When you donate, you're giving much more than food to a family struggling with job loss or other financial hardship...**you're giving HOPE.**



Most Needed Items List

Please donate only non-perishable items in boxes, plastic or cans.

Peanut Butter & Jelly/Preserves

Canned Meats like Tuna & Chicken

100% Fruit Juices

Heat & Serve Meals like Ravioli & Soups

Kid-Friendly items like Macaroni, Cereal & Applesauce

Diabetic-Friendly/Low-Sodium/No Added Sugar Foods

Gleaners CANNOT accept the following items:

- Home canned goods
- Tobacco or alcohol
- Items without ingredients listed on the packaging
- Baby food that is not in the original, unopened packaging