



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Unit Toolkit 2021

Pathway to Adventure Council



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Welcome

Thank you for being a part of Scouting for Food 2021. Your contribution will help us serve our communities in a positive and meaningful way. By involving Scouts in community service projects, such as Scouting for Food, we are instilling in them the values of strong leadership and character.

According to Feeding America, 1 in 7 people will struggle with food insecurity in Cook County. In Indiana, 1 in 8 people. As Scouts, this is a serious issue that is our duty to help address; to help other people at all times.

Please join us for two weekends of service April 17 & 24, 2021. Whether you participate in-person or virtually, we'll be impacting many lives across our Council's communities.

#PTACGivesBack

Sincerely,

Scouting for Food Committee





- **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, MO in 1985 and was adopted by the Boy Scout National Organization in 1988.**
- **PTAC will hold a council-wide Scouting for Food program that takes place on two consecutive weekends. On the first weekend, Scouts distribute bags or doorhangers within their assigned area to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second weekend, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up nonperishable items. The unit will then drop off collected food items at their designated location.**
- **April 17th Bag or doorhanger drop off**
- **April 24th Food collection**

Step by Step Overview

- **January 2021**

- Unit Leader confirms participation via online Google form *Due Feb 15*

- Units choose:

- Option 1: Donate food to a council partner: Greater Chicago Food Depository or Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

- Option 2: Donate food to a pantry or nonprofit of their choice

- After you sign up via the Google form, a SFF representative will contact you regarding your canvass area. Sign up early to ensure your preferred area!

- **February**

- Units fine tune their canvass areas with SFF representative and District Coordinator via online Google Map feature.

- Hyper-local marketing campaign begins (The Patch, Next Door App, District FB). The website www.pathwaytoadventure.org/SFF will have copy/past marketing materials for your Unit.

- Canvass areas are confirmed by District Coordinator

- **March**

- Units hold kick-off to excite parents and community members about SFF

- Materials provided by council are available (bags and flyers)

- **April**

- April 17th Bag or doorhanger drop off in designated neighborhood


- April 24th Food pick up

- Option 1: Unit leader drops off food donations at the nearest drop site in their area. These large drop sites are prearranged by Scouting for Food team

- Option 2: Unit leader drops off food donations at their partner food pantry or nonprofit, prearranged for drop off to take place 4/24/21

April 17 & 24

Logistics for Unit Leaders



Uniforms

- Scouts should wear Class A uniforms during all phases of the service project. The uniform lets our communities know we are Scouts doing good work!

Food Collection

- COVID-19 restrictions will be updated throughout the program- check back with us frequently www.pathwaytoadventure.org/SFF
- After Scouts collect food from their assigned area, they should meet up with Unit leader (possibly at Chartered Organization) to drop off their collected items
- The Unit Leader + Unit volunteers will load the donations into their vehicles and drop off at nearest drop site.
- Option 1: If you choose to donate at a council run drop site, this location will be confirmed with you prior.
- Option 2: Drop your donations to your partner food pantry.

If you receive monetary donations, you may drop this off at a council-run drop site. Monetary donations will support Scouting for Food to help families in need.

Collection Data from Units

- Be prepared to provide collection data including the number of Scouts participating. More info to come on how to gather and collect this data via a Google Doc.
- If you are donating to a council drop site (listed on our website) SFF will count/weigh your donation. **If you are donating to your own pantry partner or nonprofit, please count or weigh your items on 4/24 and report this donation amount to your district coordinator. Contact us if you have questions!**

Virtual Participation

- **All Units** are invited to participate via our virtual donation option. All funds support Scouting for Food to help families in need.

Text: **Scout4Food** to **41444**

- Virtual donations will be calculated as an estimated amount of food donation.
- Scout families that participate virtually will be eligible for patches
- Units that participate virtually will be eligible for ribbons
- Hybrid: If half your unit would like to participate virtually and the other half in-person, please note this on the Unit Commitment form: <https://forms.gle/vxZM85kg5FU76Jv89>

Thank you to our Food Bank partners
and Community Sponsors!



Safety Guidelines



Safe Scouting

- Qualified supervision: every BSA activity should be monitored by an adult who understands and accepts responsibility for the safety of our children. Please assign a health officer.
- Two-deep leadership always.
- Adult leaders should be able to always see the Scouts. Do not enter apartment buildings where Scouts cannot be seen from the street.
- Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting. View the guide here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
- Some areas may be deemed unsafe. Please skip those areas.
- Monitor the weather, be prepared to alter your plans and dress appropriately.
- Only place materials on the front door. DO NOT place items in the mailbox; placing non-mail items in a mailbox is illegal.
- Be aware of “no Solicitation” signs, gated communities, etc. Communicate ahead of time for drop offs or skip.
- Wear seatbelts when riding in vehicles. Follow state guidelines regarding carpooling during COVID-19.

COVID-19

- Masks must be always worn by participants (youth and adult).
- 6 feet of social distancing from members other than your household must always be present.
- Follow City of Chicago guidelines or State and local guidelines, whichever is stricter, regarding group gathering size.
- Units should stagger food drop off between families to avoid large gatherings.
- All participants should use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands frequently.
- Do not share meals or drinks together.
- All participants are required to self-check their health prior to arrival at the event. Assign a health officer to take temperature and fill out screening track sheet.
- An adult is to take the temperature of each participant. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher is to be sent home.
- Virtual Option: Text Scout4Food to 41444 – all monetary donations will be donated to support Scouting for Food to help families in need.

Quick links & Contact

- Unit Commitment Form: <https://forms.gle/vxZM85kg5FU76Jv89>
- Website: www.PathwaytoAdventure.org/SFF
- Email: PTAC.ScoutingforFood@scouting.org
- Text to donate: Scout4Food 41444



Information coming out in March...

- Marketing help for Units
- Material pick up at local service centers
- Drop site locations- expanded list on www.pathwaytoadventure.org/SFF
- Expanded volunteer contact list for help in your specific area
- Reporting and recognition info
- For updates as they are confirmed, please visit: www.pathwaytoadventure.org/SFF

