



"Do a good turn daily!"

"Scouting for Food" 2012

America's Largest One Day Food Drive

UNIT LEADER GUIDE

February 4th and 11th, 2012

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An Overview of 2012 Scouting for Food

Who helps make Scouting for Food possible?

Our Scouts, their friends and family, as well as our corporate partners that include Publix and the local food banks that we serve make this campaign possible.

What is Scouting for Food?

Scouting for Food is the nation's largest single-day food drive which began as a Scout's service project in St. Louis in 1985 and was adopted by the National Organization in 1988.

Where does the donated food go?

After the Scouts retrieve bags filled with canned goods, they deliver them to a local drop-off location where volunteers sort and box food to be delivered. Your donated food will help feed people in Butts, Coweta, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Spalding, and Upson Counties.

When does it take place?

December Roundtable is District Scouting for Food Kickoff. District Chair will share the Council Scouting for Food plan with the District unit leaders.

At January Roundtable bags are picked up by unit leaders.

Saturday, February 4th is Bag Distribution Day. More than 75,000 plastic bags will be hung on doorknobs throughout 8 counties in central Georgia.

Saturday, February 11th is Bag Collection Day. Scouts return to pick up bags filled with donated canned goods and take them to their local collection site.

Why do we participate in Scouting for Food?

As an organization, the Boy Scouts of America teaches youth the value of helping others and to give back to their communities. By collecting food for people in need, Scouts are fulfilling the Scout Oath and Slogan of "doing a good turn daily" and "helping other people."



Your Participation Can Make a Difference

Did you know that...

- 32% of households who need help include at least one employed adult?
- 24% of household members who need help are children?
- 21% of household members you need help are elderly?

Today, more than 1 billion people in the world live in conditions of poverty, and almost **one in every five children in the United States lives in poverty.**

In the United States, poverty significantly impacts hunger, with an estimated 13 million people going to bed hungry each night. Scouting continues its legacy of combating poverty and other social issues while creating leaders of tomorrow through its Good Turn for America initiative—a collaboration with other community organizations that focuses the power of volunteerism on the important community issues of hunger, shelter, and health.

Through Good Turn for America, organizations like the BSA and thousands of other community organizations work together to alleviate hunger in America. Specifically, the BSA employs its Scouting for Food program that facilitates food drives across the country to provide meals to the hungry. This is our chance to help “Tackle Poverty Together.”

Below you will find statistics regarding the Flint River Council’s participation in Scouting for Food. As a whole, we can do more to better serve our community, and this year, more than ever, our community needs our help.

2011					2010				
District	Units	Scouts	Adults	# Items	District	Units	Scouts	Adults	# Items
Ronotohachi	17	204	136	6,900	Ronotohachi	6	194	94	5,460
Coweta	21	294	191	13,930	Coweta	18	270	141	11,566
Fayette	33	649	444	20,452	Sepohayetv	26	444	279	11,940
Tussahaw	24	324	213	10,495	Tussahaw	19	237	201	6,361
Total	95	1471	984	51,777	Total	69	1145	715	35,327



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DATE: December 1, 2011

TO: Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Leaders, Varsity Coaches,
and Exploring Advisors

FROM: Chuck Brasfeld – Scout Executive

RE: Scouting for Food - February 4 & 11, 2012

Scouting for Food is more than the largest Scouting service project in Central Georgia. It is the single largest food drive as well. Because of the work of the leaders and Scouts, Scouting for Food will provide more than 50,000 pounds of food for needy citizens of our community during the winter months. For some food pantries, Scouting for Food is their primary source of food. Without Scouting for Food, people will go hungry!

I ask that your unit promote 100% participation in Scouting for Food. Packs and Troops will distribute Scouting for Food bags on February 4th to each home in their designated territory. Because of our Council's growth, your unit may be asked to cover an area other than your traditional area. **Remember, the object of Scouting for Food is to cover as much area as possible.**

Each Pack and Troop will return on February 11th to collect the bags full of food and deliver them to one of the many collection sites throughout the Council. If you are the leader of a Venturing Crew or an Explorer Post, we would like for you to staff one of the many collection sites. Your Crew or Post would assist in sorting the food and loading the trucks that will transport the food to local food banks and pantries.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the council office as soon as possible, or return it to your District Scouting for Food Chair at December Roundtable. The bags will be distributed to each unit at the January Roundtable. If you have already completed the form, thank you for your commitment.

As a reminder, BSA has a website for your unit to log their service hours via the website: <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/gtfa/ui/security/login.aspx>.

***Thank you in advance for making this a
successful Scouting for Food year in the Flint River Council.***



2012 "Scouting for Food" Unit Coordinator *Position Description*

1. Accept responsibilities for successful participation of the unit in its assigned part in the 2012 Scouting for Food campaign.
2. Secure commitment of unit leadership and make official unit commitment.
3. Contact Scouts and families to participate in both distribution and collection days and secure their commitment.
4. Recruit adult help with vehicles on collection day to assist Scouts as they collect food door to door.
5. Attend District Kickoff at December Roundtable for information and instruction and January Roundtable for bag distribution.
6. Help excite the youth. You can use the PowerPoint located on the Flint River Council web page or find others ways to encourage participation at your January Pack meeting.
7. Coordinate distribution of bags by youth members in assigned territory.
8. Arrange for collection of filled bags in the same territory one week later and the delivery of bags to the collection sites.
9. Work with and support volunteers at collection sites in unloading and counting items collected.
10. Complete Unit Collection Report and submit to the District Scouting for Food Chair at the collection site.

2012 Scouting for Food District Chairs

District	Name	Phone	Email
Ronotohachi (Spalding Co)	Steve Trawick	770-227-8989	strawick@bellsouth.net
Coweta	Verna Funk	770-251-4499	photonut@hotmail.com
Fayette	David Flohr	770-461-9324	davidbflohr@bellsouth.net
Tusahaw	James Collett	770-317-7525	jcollett@lithonia.com



"Scouting for Food" Instructions

1. Select your unit's area in the following manner:
At December Roundtable request a specific geographic area for your unit to serve. Consult with your District Scouting for Food Chair to ensure that the area you have selected is available. The Scouting for Food Chair will approve your area and may ask your unit to serve additional parts of our community. Please be flexible and remember that our ultimate goal is to provide our youth an opportunity to serve our entire community.
2. Once your territory has been confirmed by the District "Scouting for Food" Chair, the Unit Leader assigns specific areas and bags to each den or patrol. ***It is very important that the same group collect the bags they distributed. Be very careful not to overlap territories reserved for other units.***
3. Contact any apartment complex managers or homeowners associations to obtain permission to distribute bags. Ask for their assistance in promoting "Scouting for Food". Inform your District Executive of communities that do not allow access.
4. All members, both youth and adults, should be in uniform for distribution and collection.
5. On February 4th at 9:00 A.M. the Scouts should go out in pairs to distribute bags to households in their territory. The Scouts should hang the bags on the door or at the doorstep (***Do not leave the bag in or on mailboxes***). Two leaders/parents should be within eyesight of the Scouts at all times.
6. Leaders should arrange enough transportation to keep the Scouts busy and make the work go quickly. ***Scouting policy prohibits occupants from riding in the back of a pickup truck, or without a seatbelt.***
7. ***On February 11th, begin collecting the filled bags no earlier than 9:00 A.M.*** Many people put bags out at that time and if the bags are picked up early, we will miss much of the food and have to go back. ***If you do not see a bag on the door step, knock on the door to see if anyone is home. Do not enter any homes to pick up food.***
8. After distribution and collection days, the Unit Leader should submit their unit collection report to their District Scouting for Food Chair ***by February 17.***
9. A designated leader should drive the route one last time, (once the bags have been picked up) to retrieve any missed bags and deliver the "Scouting for Food" bags to one of the designated food collection sites between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on February 11th. Offer your unit to help sort and pack the food you collected.
10. Arrange a visit with a local food bank or shelter for your Scouts to go to. Give them the opportunity to learn and see first hand how the food they collected is used.