



Scouting for Food 2024

This year, Scouting for Food has received a generous grant from Sentara to support and promote our efforts. Tidewater Council will provide units with free door hangers to make citizens aware of the drive and thank you door hangers to leave at homes that donate.

We are also providing patches for all youth participants and a flag ribbon for each unit participating- FREE OF CHARGE.

So, here's what your unit needs to do:

1. Sign your unit up at <https://tidewaterbsa.com/scouting-for-food/>.
2. Pick up your materials (door hangers and collection signs) at Roundtable or arrange pickup with your district executive. A message will be sent to all registered units once we get the materials from the printer.
3. Discuss opportunities to place a collections bin with your chartered organization, local church, or other community gathering. Promote Scouting for Food in church bulletins, social media groups, or other community forums. Share the location of your drop-off collection location and when it is available with William.Sherman@Scouting.org so it can be added to the website of available locations. We can produce signs for collection boxes.
4. Select the date your unit will collect the food from donors' homes and date the door hangers.
5. Distribute door hangers to homes about one week before your collection date.
6. Collect food from homes and your drop-off location on the date your unit selected.
7. Fill in collection form located at <https://tidewaterbsa.com/scouting-for-food/>. (Required to receive the patches and flag ribbon)
8. Bring food to a local food pantry of your choice or to the Mary Jayne Breeden Council Service Center, 1032 Heatherwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 on Sunday, March 3 between 12-4 PM. Donations delivered to the council service center will be donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.
9. Pick up your patches and ribbons at Roundtable or arrange pickup with your district executive.

FAQs-

Q: Do we have to do the food collection on March 2 or 3?

A: No, but our main effort will be on March 2 and 3. The social media campaigns and collection at the Mary Jayne Breeden Council Service Center will support these dates.

Q: Do we have to turn the food into the Council Service Center, or can we support a specific food pantry?

A: You can bring the food to any local food pantry your unit would like to support. Just remember to report how much you collected so we can add it to our total impact.

