



## Scouting for Food 2025

This year, Tidewater Council will provide units with food collection bags to make citizens aware of the 2025 Scouting for Food drive. Templates for self-printed door hangers are available in two styles: Please Donate and Thank You for Donating.

Tidewater Council is 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://247scouting.com/forms/596-SFF2025>.
2. Coordinate with your district executive to pick up collection bags. They will also be available at district roundtables.
3. If interested in printing door hangers, download the templates from [TidewaterBSA.com/scouting-for-food](http://TidewaterBSA.com/scouting-for-food).
4. Discuss opportunities to place a collection bin with your chartered organization, local church, or other community partners. Promote Scouting for Food in church bulletins, social media groups, or other community forums. Share the location of any drop-off collection locations and when they are available with [pam.samples@scouting.org](mailto:pam.samples@scouting.org) so the council can help promote your unit's efforts. The council can assist in producing signs for collection boxes.
5. Select the date your unit will collect the food from donors' homes and date the collection bags and/or door hangers.
6. Distribute collection bags and/or door hangers to homes about one week before your collection date.
7. Collect food from homes and your drop-off location(s) on the date your unit selected.
8. Fill in the 2025 Scouting for Food Report Form located at [TidewaterBSA.com/scouting-for-food](http://TidewaterBSA.com/scouting-for-food) and submit it to [pam.samples@scouting.org](mailto:pam.samples@scouting.org). The form must be submitted in order to receive the patches and flag ribbon.
9. Bring food collected 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 2 between 12-4 PM. Donations delivered to the council service center will be donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.
10. Pick up your patches and ribbon at roundtable, or arrange pickup with your district executive.

### FAQs-

#### **Q: Do we have to do the food collection on March 1st or 2nd?**

A: No, pick the weekend that works for your families or unit. Drop-off for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore will be available on Sunday, March 2 from 12-4 PM.

#### **Q: Do we have to turn the food into the council service center? Can we support a different food pantry?**

A: You can bring the food collected 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.

