



## Scouting for Food 2026: Feed your Neighbor Campaign

This year, Tidewater Council will provide units with food collection bags and door hangers to make citizens aware of the 2026 Scouting for Food drive. Door hangers are projected to arrive by February 4, 2026 and will be available in two styles: Please Donate and Thank You for Donating.

### Special Recognition Items:

- Patches for youth participants (while supplies last).
- Ribbon for each unit participating.
- Any Scout who collects 25 or more nonperishable food items during the 2026 Scouting for Food drive will earn a limited-edition food drive pin (while supplies last).
- The unit collecting the most nonperishable food items during the 2026 Scouting for Food drive will receive a \$250 gift certificate for the Tidewater Council Scout Shop.

Units must report their results by March 16, 2026 to receive recognition items. All recognition items are provided free of charge.

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

1. Sign your unit up at <https://247scouting.com/forms/596-SFF2026>.
2. Coordinate with your district executive to pick up collection bags and door hangers. They will also be available at district roundtables.
3. If interested in printing additional door hangers, download the templates from [TidewaterBSA.com/scouting-for-food](https://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 2026 Scouting for Food Report Form located at <https://247scouting.com/forms/596-SFF26>. The form must be submitted by March 16, 2026 in order to receive the recognition items.
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, February 22, 2026 between 12-4 PM and/or Sunday, March 1, 2026 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 recognition items at roundtable or arrange pickup with your district executive.

FAQs-

### **Q: Do we have to do the food collection on a specific date?**

A: No, pick any February 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, February 22, 2026 and Sunday, March 1, 2026 from 12-4 PM at the council service center.

### **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 (in items) so we can add it to our total impact. Find the 2026 Scouting for Food Report Form at <https://247scouting.com/forms/596-SFF26>.