



*"Do a good turn daily!"*

# "Scouting for Food" 2019

America's Largest One Day Food Drive

**UNIT LEADER GUIDE**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Conducted by:

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## **An Overview of 2019 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?**

**January 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 2<sup>nd</sup> is Bag Distribution Day.** More than 75,000 plastic bags will be hung on doorknobs throughout 8 counties in central Georgia.

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is Bag Collection Day.** Scouts return to pick up bags filled with donated canned goods and take them to their local collection site.

**By Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>-** Report Final Collection Numbers to District Chair

### **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.

2018				
District	Units	Scouts	Adults	# Items
Ronotohachi	13	164	124	4,020
Coweta	24	279	148	8,793
Fayette	31	449	287	42,608
Tussahaw	12	152	79	6,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>61,685</b>



## 2019 "Scouting for Food" Unit Coordinator

### *Position Description*

1. Accept responsibilities for successful participation of the unit in its assigned part in the 2019 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 January Roundtable for information, instruction and bag distribution.
6. Help excite the youth and encourage participation at your January Pack/ Troop/ Crew 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.



## "Scouting for Food" Instructions

1. Select your unit's area in the following manner:  
At January 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 2<sup>nd</sup> after 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 15.***
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 9th. 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.

### Entering Scouting for Food Service Project Data

Entering your Scouting for Food project community service hours for Journey to Excellence is simple. Just follow these simple directions with screenshots.

Go to: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action. Some Good Turns are big—saving a life, helping out after floods or other disasters, recycling community trash, working on conservation projects. But Good Turns are often small, thoughtful acts—helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbor, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, or welcoming a new student to your school. Anyone can get involved in a Good Turn. If you would like to participate in a service project to benefit your community, contact your local Scouting office.

To report information about a service project in which your unit/group participated, enter your username and password.

[New Users Click Here](#)

Username:

Password:

Login


Forgot your password?  
[Click Here to Lookup your Password.](#)

New Users will need their  
Internet Advancement Code  
and their four digit Unit ID  
(IE 0007 for Troop 7)

### Thank you for taking the time to enter your service project hours!

Search Institute®, headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, is an independent, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization committed to helping create healthy communities for every young person. Their research has identified 40 Developmental Assets that are powerful influencers on adolescent behavior—both protecting young people from many different problem behaviors and promoting positive attitudes and behaviors. Studies of more than 2.2 million young people in the United States consistently show that the more assets young people have, the less likely they are to engage in a wide range of high-risk behaviors and the more likely they are to thrive. This power is evident across all cultural and socioeconomic groups of youth.

One of those 40 developmental assets is **Service to Others** where the child has opportunities to help others in the community. Today, youth and volunteers are looking for ways to serve their communities, and at the same time, service organizations need dedicated volunteer help. By working together, we can positively benefit in the development of young people, our communities, and the nation.

- Would you like to view all previously recorded projects? [Click Here.](#)
- Would you like to report a Service Project? [Click Here.](#) 
- Would you like to report an Eagle Scout service project? [Click Here.](#)

You will see this page after  
you log in/create your  
account.

## Entering Scouting for Food Service Project Data

Click on the category below that best describes the type of service project in which your unit participated. Use "Other Services" for any service project that does not fall into any of the listed categories.

### Messengers of Peace

- [Personal Dimension](#)
- [Community Dimension](#)
- [Environmental Dimension](#)

### Healthy Living

- [Blood Drive](#)
- [Fun Run / Walk / Hike / Cycle](#)
- [Bike Safety Event](#)
- [Child Fingerprinting](#)
- [Health Fair / Fitness Expo](#)
- [CPR Training](#)
- [Tree Planting](#)
- [Litter Cleanup / Beautification](#)

### BSAdopt-a-School

- [Other](#)
- [Bike Safety Event](#)
- [Child Fingerprinting](#)

### Shelter

- [Home Building](#)
- [Home Repair / Maintenance](#)
- [Personal Care Collection](#)
- [Blanket Collection](#)
- [School Supply Collection](#)
- [Book / Magazine Drive](#)

### US Military Families

- [Blue Star Families](#)
- [Other](#)

### Other Services

- [Disaster Relief](#)
- [Conservation](#)
- [Military Support](#)
- [National Park Service Resource Stewardship](#)
- [Other](#)

### Food

- [Food Collection](#)
- [Meal Delivery](#)
- [Serving Food](#)



Click the service project description that best describes the service project in which your unit participated. For Scouting for Food this would be under "Food/Food Collections"

## Entering Scouting for Food Service Project Data

### Food Collection

To report information about a project, fill out the following information and press the Submit Report button.

Date of service project	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Number of youth members participating in the project	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Number of youth who are not members participating in the project	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Number of adult leaders participating in the project	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Number of other adults participating in the project	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>
Total unit hours - including members and non-members (example: 10 people worked 2 hours = 20 total unit hours)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="7"/>
Number of food items collected	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>
Which of the following organizations did you partner with on the project?	Hold down the Ctrl key to select multiple entries.	
	<input type="checkbox" value="9"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="9"/> Messengers of Peace <input type="checkbox" value="10"/> BSAdopt-a-School <input type="checkbox" value="11"/> US Military Families <input type="checkbox" value="12"/> Order of the Arrow Lodge
To what organization was the food donated?	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text"/>
Briefly tell us about your project (Do not use special characters in text)	<input type="text" value="11"/>	<input type="text"/>
		Characters available: 2000
<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="button" value="Submit Report"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>



### Entering Scouting for Food Service Project Data

1. To enter the date, click on the calendar icon to the right of the input box. Select the date using the calendar that pops up. Use the arrows on either side of the month name at the top of the calendar to change the month if needed. Click on the day the service project was completed, and the date will automatically be recorded in the date box.
2. Enter the number of youth members (Scouts) who participated in the project.
4. Enter the number of youth who are not members who participated in the project. This might include brothers, sisters, friends, or any other youth not currently a Scout.
5. Enter the number of adult leaders participating in the project. This number should include only registered Scout leaders.
6. Enter the number of other adults who participated in the project. This can include parents, grandparents, or any other adult who is not a registered leader for the unit.
7. Enter the total number of hours that members and non-members worked on the service project from start to finish. This number should include the time worked by both adults and youth.
8. List the number of items collected.
9. Select the organization(s) with which your unit partnered on this project. Hold down the Ctrl key to select multiple entries.
10. You will also be asked who benefited from the project or to what organization the items collected were donated. If the project directly benefited an individual or family, list **individual** in this space. If the project benefited a local charity, school, or other organization, list the name of the local charity, school, or other organization.
11. Space has also been provided for you to type in a brief description of the project.
12. Click on **Submit Report**. Review your answers to ensure that your submission is correct.