



Dear Fellow Scouters:

Have you ever been hungry?

Thousands of people go hungry at least a few days a month here in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts and Connecticut! Many families in America do not have enough money to buy food for one or more days a month.

And so, the Narragansett Council is continuing the Scouting for Food Good Turn drive for the **31st consecutive year**, to continue to help the food banks feed the hungry in our communities. Through 2017, more than **9.2 million pounds of food** have been collected through your good turn efforts.

This year we are excited to announce our new partners, **Ocean State Job Lot!** They have pledged to match pound-for-pound all food collected by our Scouts up to **100,000 pounds** for our local food banks. Thank you, Ocean State Job Lot!

On two successive Saturdays in October and November 2018 we are asking every Pack, Troop, Ship, and Crew to take part in the **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** Good Turn, by collecting non-perishable canned goods. October 27, 2018 is Door Hanger Distribution Day, when Scouts will distribute door hangers to homes in an assigned area (zones) in their community. On the following Saturday, November 3, 2018, the Scouts will collect bags of food and transport them to the local collection center. At the collection center, the food will be sorted, labeled and boxed. On Saturday or Sunday, boxes will be collected from each location by the Rhode Island National Guard, and the Food Bank and transported to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank*. The Food Bank will then distribute the food collected to the over 250-member agencies that run food pantries throughout Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts, and Southeastern Connecticut.

In order to insure the success of this program and to plan the many steps to make it happen, we would like to have a commitment to participate from your unit. We are already well into planning for **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** and we need a count on how many units plan to participate. Your unit may wish to appoint a **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** Coordinator now.

Your **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** Service Area Chairperson will provide you with further information and door hangers at the October Roundtables.

By participating in this Scouting for Food Good Turn, together, we in the Narragansett Council can show our communities and our Scouts that we haven't forgotten the principals that have made the Boy Scouts of America strong.

Yours in Scouting,

Joe DeStefano
SCOUTING FOR FOOD CHAIRMAN

Mike Brown
SCOUTING FOR FOOD ADVISOR

*Units in MA will transport food to local food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens according to the guidelines determined by the Service Area **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** Chair.

FACT SHEET

***10/27/18 Door Hanger drop off
11/3/18 food pick up***

Do A Good Turn Daily”

Scouting for Food” is the embodiment of the Scout Slogan, “Do A Good Turn Daily”. The program was launched by the Boy Scouts of America in 1988 to address one of the BSA’s five “Unacceptables” – hunger. In that first year more than a million Scouts collected 65 million cans of food across the country, and the drive continues today!

Narragansett Council’s “Good Turn”

The Narragansett Council launched its first Scouting for Food Drive in 1988 under the leadership of Board Member Joe DeStefano. Under Mr. DeStefano’s leadership the drive has grown over the past the 30 years and now involves more than 200 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops & Venture Crews and 5,100 youth members. Each year these young people collect almost 250,000 pounds of food to help those in need! Since 1988 the Scouts of the Narragansett Council have collected more than **9.2 million pounds** of food!

Scouts in Action

Each year, on a Saturday in late October more than 5,000 Scouts deliver some 300,000 door hangers to homes throughout Southeastern New England. The following Saturday they go back to these homes and pick up bags filled with non-perishable food items. They fill pick-up trucks and cars belonging to volunteer leaders who then deliver the food to one of 50 collection sites – usually local fire stations. Other Scouts and volunteers then pack the food in donated boxes and stack it neatly to await pick-up.

Rhode Island Community Food Bank/ Rhode Island Army National Guard

On Saturday morning the trucks and personnel of the RI Army National Guard and the food bank vendors mobilize to make the rounds of the collection sites. They pick up the food from most locations for delivery to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. (Some locations will distribute their donations locally.) The Rhode Island Community Food Bank comes alive as Food Bank and vendor personnel unload the trucks, stack the boxes on pallets, wheel it on the scales, and then maneuver it into place in the warehouse. The next morning staff and volunteers of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank begin to process the food for distribution.

PACK AND TROOP RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The unit must know its assigned territory.
2. All members, both youth and adult, should be in uniform during Scouting for Food activities.
3. Determine an assembly place and time for September and October. (Use your regular unit meeting place or another convenient location.)
4. Be sure that Scouts travel in groups of two or more, with adequate adult supervision.
5. Provide enough vehicles for the number of Scouts participating and the area to be covered.
- 6. Vehicles should stay as close to the youth as possible. It is advisable for adults to be on the streets during distribution.**
7. Remind participants who distributed door hangers that they should assist in the collection of donations as well.
8. Unit leaders must make sure the distribution and collection guidelines listed below are followed.
9. If you need answers to any questions, contact the Scouting for Food headquarters.

Mike Brown – 401-351-8700
Joe DeStefano – 401-580-1555

Saturday, October 27

1. Door hanger distribution should begin **no earlier than 9:00 a.m.**
2. Assemble early enough to allow for a briefing for adults and distribution of door hangers.

Saturday, November 3

1. Donation collection begins at approximately **9:00 a.m.** so that the food can be boxed and delivered to the collection points on time.
2. The collections should be made at the same locations in which the hangers are distributed.
3. Assemble early enough to review unit plans for the day.
4. Venturers Scouts should be at the collection stations to assist in the unloading and counting of items collected.

DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION GUIDELINES

1. All unit members work the assigned territory only.
2. On boundary streets, collect only on your side of the street unless you are given other instructions.
3. Door hangers are distributed to residences only. Skip businesses and apartments with controlled access or rules against solicitation.
4. Scouts should not knock on the door and give the residents the hangers. Scouts should hang them on the doorknob. Do not put door hangers in mailboxes. **Do not enter any home for any reason!**
5. When collecting donations on November 3, if nothing is left on the doorstep or porch, **youth should not knock on the door and ask if the household has a donation.**
6. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts should be instructed to remain outside homes. They must not enter any home.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD “LANDRUSH”

Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop will be assigned a designated area (in or near their own neighborhoods) to distribute door hangers on Saturday, October 27 and return to collect donations on Saturday, November 3.

To avoid duplication and ensure that all homes are reached, a Good Turn “landrush” is held at the September Roundtable in each district.

- A large map of the district will be on display.
- The map without assignments will be divided into neighborhoods or quadrants.
- A representative of each unit will be able to select the neighborhood or quadrant the unit prefers to cover.
- After all units have had the chance to choose an area, the District Scouting for Food Committee will review the map, make any necessary adjustments, and give final approval.
- Each unit will be advised which area it will cover at the October Roundtable.
- The map assignments will be on display at the October and November Roundtables.

COLLECTION SITE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All workers should report to their designated collection sites by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018.
2. Call the Scouting for Food service area chairperson between noon and 1:00 p.m. or at the completion of collections at your location to report the following:
 - Collection site location.
 - Number of units reporting.
 - Number of boxes collected at the location.
 - Your unit number and the number of youth and adults participating.
3. Stack the filled boxes in predetermined places before leaving.
4. Remain at collection site until all food in the neighborhood is collected
5. **Clean up trash before leaving.**



UNIT DOOR HANGER DISTRIBUTION TIPS

- ☑ Extra door hangers will **NOT** be available on distribution day. Please contact Mike Brown at the Narragansett Council Office at least two days before distribution day if you think you will need more door hangers. Your unit should have been given a sufficient number of door hangers at the October Roundtable, based on your estimate of the number of houses your unit typically covers.
- ☑ **WORK YOUR ASSIGNED TERRITORY ONLY!** On boundary streets, distribute door hangers on your side of the street only unless you are given other instructions.
- ☑ Provide enough vehicles for the number of Scouts participating and the area to be covered.
- ☑ Door Hangers with instructions to households shall be distributed **BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM** on Saturday 27 October 2018.
- ☑ No one is to ride on the tailgate or bed of any vehicle! **BSA POLICY – NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ☑ Drivers shall use extreme caution when traveling with door hanger distributors and collectors (avoid streets/roads with heavy traffic).
- ☑ Vehicles shall stay as close to the Scouts as possible. It is advisable for adults to be on the streets during distribution.
- ☑ Be sure that Scouts are in uniform, travel in groups of **TWO OR MORE** and have adequate adult supervision.
- ☑ Door hangers are distributed to residences only. Skip businesses and apartments with controlled access or rules against solicitation.
- ☑ When delivering door hangers, hang them on a door securely. Do not put in mail boxes. **SCOUTS SHALL BE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN OUTSIDE HOMES! DO NOT ENTER ANY HOME FOR ANY REASON!**



UNIT FOOD COLLECTION TIPS

- ☑ **FOLLOW ALL DOOR HANGER DISTRIBUTION SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS!**
- ☑ Food shall be collected on Saturday 3 November 2018 from the same area you distributed door hangers. **DO NOT BEGIN BEFORE 9:00 A.M.**
- ☑ If nothing is left on the doorstep or porch of a house in your collection area, **SCOUTS SHALL NOT KNOCK ON DOORS TO ASK IF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS A DONATION!**
- ☑ Turn in collected food donations at your designated food collection site between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM.
- ☑ **SCOUTS SHALL BE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN OUTSIDE HOMES. SCOUTS SHALL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ENTER ANY HOME TO PICK UP FOOD!**
- ☑ Check to ensure that all houses in your assigned collection area have been covered. Adults who are not part of the collection team should drive through your assigned collection areas (after the Scouts have finished) to pick up any uncollected donations.
- ☑ Make sure all drivers take at least 2 loops through assigned neighborhoods
- ☑ Do not leave collection site until all food is collected and boxed