

Scouting for Food

Saturday, February 28th 2026



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Greetings to all Scout units, and thank you for your cooperation again this year. The food drive is an excellent opportunity for scouts to assist the needy and also accumulate service hours toward advancements. This effort by scouts, helps to stock local food banks.

The Ventura County Council will again this year provide professionally printed "Scouting For Food" flyers that can be stapled to collection bags... They will be available at the Scout House in the first week of February.

1. **Areas:** Obtain your area by calling or emailing me. Divide your given area and assign scouts and adults to collect on designated streets. The latest area maps can be found here:
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zqoeFV-5tidA.kwVIANrTo2HU&msa=0>
2. **As soon as possible**, request paper or plastic bag donations from local vendors (grocery stores have been very generous in the past)
3. **Have scouts drop off bags** on doorsteps/porches (with flyers attached) 2-4 days before collection day.
4. **On SFF Saturday:** If you assemble all volunteers by 9:00 a.m. and began collecting shortly after that, then you should have your area finished by 11:00 a.m. If for some reason, another unit has crossed over into your area, grin and bear it. Always be a good example to your scouts. This is not a competition.

On February 28th, Bring collected food items to: St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 1251 Las Posas Road, Camarillo (back parking lot) or if you choose another pantry, let me know which one, and the amount of food donated.

5. **What about cash donations?** Youth members may not solicit monetary donations (National SA Rules and Regulations do not permit it). However, you may accept cash donations to purchase canned food or forward the donation to the local Food Bank.
6. **Look like a Scout:** All youth members should be in SA uniform (official shirt, pants or shorts, and insignia). This helps the public identify the youth as official members. Adult leaders are encouraged to wear SA uniforms also.
7. **Safety Concerns:** Scouts and adults need to be respectful of private property, walking only on sidewalks (not crossing lawns or jumping over shrubs and fences). Adults driving vehicles need to be careful when following youth, and obey all traffic laws.
8. **You are the public face of Scouting:** Be cheerful and friendly to all the people you meet while collecting food. Scouts and Venturers need to give a genuine "thank you" to each person who donates food.
9. **Have Fun and Learn:** Talk to your Scouts about the Scouting for Food drive. Scouting is the largest civic-minded youth movement in the United States. Let your Scouts know they are part of something big. Help them to learn about citizenship through civic involvement and setting a personal example.
10. **Tell your story:** Leave a flyer with a Thank You note to tell the public about your unit. Take pictures and send them with an article to your local newspaper & report your donations here -> [Scouting for Food | Ventura County Council](#)