FLYER DISTRIBUTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2026

FOOD COLLECTION
NOVEMBER 14, 2026

2026 Leaders Guide

Scouting America
Lincoln Heritage Council

IPA FOUNDATION

Dare to Care Food Bank
Hope starts here.

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

UNIT SIGN-UP HERE:

Scouting for Food 2026

Flyer Distribution: Saturday, November 7th

- *Flyers available at September and October roundtables or from your DE.*

Food Collection: Saturday, November 14th

- *See the Leader's Guide for available food bank drop off sites.*
- *$100 LHC Summer Camp 2027 voucher awarded to the unit with the most collected per scout. Be sure to report collection totals and volunteer numbers with the QR code below.*
- *$50 scout shop voucher awarded to the unit with the Most Expired Item. Text photos of the expiration date and item to 812-670-8650 with unit #, contact name and district.*

Report food collection totals by end of day Monday, November 16th to be eligible.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD™

The unit/combined units who collect the most items per scout will win $100 voucher for SUMMER CAMP at one of LHC's in-council camps.*

*Item total averaged per number of scouts participating.

The unit who collects the most EXPIRED item will receive a mystery prize from the Scout Shop ($50 value)!

Be sure to check your items and send photo of your unit's most expired item with clear expiration date visible to 812-670-8650. Include unit #, contact email and district.

REPORT COLLECTION TOTALS HERE:

What is Scouting for Food?

The purpose of Scouting for Food is to allow all Scouts and Scouters the opportunity to do a Council-wide Good Turn for the community. Scouting for Food gives each Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Explorer/Venturer a sense of community and citizenship.

Every year Scouts from all over the country participate in this project to feed the hungry. Hunger is an unacceptable issue that Scouting America has taken on as a challenge to fight. We as leaders must do all we can to pass onto our Scouts an attitude of service in fighting this dreaded problem. In our service area, 1 in 7 people struggle with hunger.

When is Scouting for Food?

The event takes place on Saturday, November 7, 2026 and Saturday, November 14, 2026. On November 8th, you and your fellow Scouts will distribute the Scouting for Food flyers, letting your community know that you will be back on November 14th, to collect bags of food that they are willing to donate. Take your donations to your district collection site, your chartered organization's food pantry or any Dare to Care food bank.

How does it work?

It's simple. Each unit (pack, troop, post, crew) will distribute a Scouting for Food sticky note (sponsored by the Independent Pilot Association) to each residence in their assigned geographic area. Once food is picked up, you deliver it to your local collection site.

Refer to "Land Grab" on page 5 of this guide to select a collection site or take your donations to your charter organization food bank. Once your food is delivered to your site, please report your total food collected using the form linked on the next page.

What is expected?

- ✓ Each unit to participate
- ✓ Each unit to provide a unit chair for contact and planning
- ✓ Ask as many youth to participate as possible
- ✓ To break last year's total pounds of food raised
- ✓ To foster a sense of caring and service in our youth
- ✓ To feed the hungry

How do I get my unit involved?

Your first step is to sign your unit up to participate using the QR code on the next page. After your unit has signed up, a representative from your unit will need to attend the October/ November Roundtable meeting for collection details as well as to select your unit's territory to cover.

For more information please contact:

Scouting for Food Council Advisor, Daniel Hanson at (502) 361-3783, Daniel.Hanson@scouting.org

or contact your District Executive.

UNIT COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Secure commitment of unit leadership and make official unit commitment open this QR code or follow this link: *https://forms.gle/UshcFPjYK7MVtmVK8*

SIGN UP HERE >>>>>

Recruit adult help with vehicles for collection day to assist Scouts as they collect food door-to-door.

Attend October/November district roundtable meeting to secure information, flyers, and assignments of collection territory for unit.

Coordinate distribution of flyers by youth members on November 7 to households in assigned territory.

Arrange for collection of filled bags in same assigned territory one week later, November 15 and delivery of filled bags to collection centers.

Promote within your community. Make a Facebook post or submit info to your local paper.

Submit participation report by end of day on Monday, November 18 using this link: *https://forms.gle/npopKpbLeJs1bmmN9*

or the QR code at the bottom of the page, then log your unit's service project hours on Good Turn for America website.

UNIT TIMETABLE

September/October:

- Determine your Unit's SFF Coordinator
- Determine how many people will participate from unit and how many flyers you will need.
- Share information with all.
- Continue to coordinate transportation for delivery and pick-up.
- Determine food drop off location.
- Attend Scouting for Food meeting to register your unit and collect SFF Flyers.
- At Roundtable, "stake out" unit territory at the "Landgrab."

October/November:

- Coordinate final arrangements at unit meeting with leaders and members.
- **November 7** Distribute flyers in your assigned territory.
- **November 14** Pick-up food in your assigned territory and deliver to your assigned drop off site.
- **Report totals to site coordinator if applicable AND by using QR code below. Please report using the QR code below no later than end of day 11/16/26.**

REPORT FOOD COLLECTED HERE >>>>>>>>>>

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING FOR FOOD

- All units should know their assigned territory. If you don't, check with your district Scouting for Food Chair or your District Executive.
- Work with other troops/packs in your area to make sure your community is covered.
- When assigning neighborhoods to scouts, take into account the size of your scouts versus the size of your neighborhood. Younger cub scouts tire out fast when there are long driveways and spacious yards.
- All members, both youth and adult, should be in uniform or unit shirts.
- In addition to your uniform wear appropriate clothing for the weather.
- Determine an assembly place and time for November 8 and November 15 (use your regular unit meeting place or another convenient location.)
- Assemble at meeting place early enough to brief adults and distribute flyers.
- Review plans for the day.
- Remind your Scouts DO NOT ENTER ANY HOMES. Scouts should be instructed to remain outside of all homes.
- Do not enter yards with animals on the loose.
- Sticky post-it's should be distributed beginning at 9:00 AM on the 7th of November.
- **DO NOT PUT STICKY NOTE FLYERS IN OR ON MAILBOXES! IT IS AGAINST THE LAW!**
- All youth should travel in groups of two (buddy system).
- Vehicles should stay as close to the youth as possible. It is advisable for adults to walk on sidewalks and supervise.
- Work only your assigned territory. On boundary streets, collect only on your side of the street, unless you are given other instructions.
- Skip apartments with no solicitation rules or controlled access. Skip businesses.
- Food must be collected beginning no earlier than 9:00 AM in the same area you distributed flyers. Be sure to send a team back out when you think you are done so you do not miss anyone.
- Have a plan to remind youth and adults about the November 14 food collection.
- Be certain on collection day (Nov. 14) that all houses have been covered. **Have a couple of leaders drive through the neighborhoods once more after scouts have finished to pick up any stray bags of food.** The Council always gets calls that folks forgot to pick up food. Please be sure to go back to your area to pick up bags of food!
- Contact the food pantry at your church or school to deliver the collected food if you are not using one listed.
- Promote your unit's collection day on social media and at your chartered organization.
- Put out a bin in the School(s) your unit draws from, encouraging kids to contribute.
- Have a contest in your unit encouraging scout families to donate as well. For example: The scout with the most food collected gets to give a Pie in the Face to their leader.

Scouting for Food Landgrabs

Each unit will be asked to cover a designated area on Saturday, November 7, 2026 and Saturday, November 14, 2026. Units will want to cover an area in or near their neighborhoods. To avoid duplication and ensure maximum coverage, a “Landgrab” will be held at October Roundtables in each district. If available, a large map of the district will be on display. The map will be divided into neighborhoods or quadrants. A representative of each unit will be able to pick the neighborhood or quadrant the unit would like. After all units have had a chance to pick an area, the district Scouting for Food committee will review and give final approval. There may be a few adjustments made. Units should record territory in detail to ensure all neighborhoods are covered. Contact your district Scouting for Food Chair or your District Executive with questions.

Food Drop off Sites

Below is a list of recommended drop off sites. Following this list is a complete listing of the Dare to Care facilities in Kentucky and Indiana. If you plan to drop food at one of these additional locations, please reach out to them so they are prepared to accept your donation. For Tennessee and Illinois units, please use the following link to search food banks in your area.
https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank
As always you can donate to your chartered organization if they have a food pantry, soup kitchen or other outreach to feed your community. Be sure to keep this list for your unit to partner with these organizations for service projects throughout the year!

Recommended Jefferson Co. Dare to Care Collection Sites

Eastern Area Community Ministries, 9104 Westport Rd., Louisville, KY 40242

Fern Creek / Highview Ministries, 9300 Beulah Church Rd., Louisville, KY 40291

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 415 E. St. Catherine St., Louisville, KY 40203

Shively Area Ministries, 4415 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, KY 40216, (If using GPS, Scout troops should use the following address to arrive at Shively Area Ministries because there is no direct access to Shively Area Ministries’ parking lot from Dixie Highway: 1731 Sanders Ln., 40216.)

St. Matthews Area Ministries – 319 Browns Ln., Louisville, KY 40207, 502-893-0205

For Dare to Care Collection Sites in Surrounding Counties & Southern Indiana

Visit the QR code below or paste this link in your browser for the most recent list by county: *https://www.canva.com/design/DAGNXSoKDxk/YB2Q7aV4dU0JUyvw0tRcgQ/view?utm_content=DAGNXSoKDxk&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor*