



Long Trail District is participating in the National Service Project Scouting for Food. This is a way for our District to be unified and do a service project all on the same day and, a way to help our local Food shelves.

On Saturday April 28, 2018, Units will distribute flyers door to door explaining what we are doing, what we are looking for and, when we will pick up.

The following Saturday May 5, 2018, Units will return to collect bags left out on doorsteps.

After collection, Units will deliver food to their local food bank. Collecting in your community and keeping donations in their community.

Please send participation form via Email to: Kristy Walker, [k\\_walker333@yahoo.com](mailto:k_walker333@yahoo.com). All Units that Participate will receive a ribbon.

If your Unit is ordering Patches, orders need to be in by Wednesday May 9, 2018. Please Mail order forms to:

Green Mountain Council

Long Trail Scouting for Food

Po box 557

Waterbury, VT 05676



## FAQ:

Q: What is Scouting for Food?

A: Scouting for Food is an ongoing annual program of the Boy Scouts of America that began in 1985 by the Greater Saint Louis Area Council that collects food for local food banks. It is organized at the local level throughout the country. Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends. On the first weekend, Scouts distribute bags and/or door hangers to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice and other nonperishable items.

Q: Why participate in Scouting for Food?

A: Part of the Scout Oath is "To help other People at all times" This is an opportunity to help people in your own community. According to [www.vtfoodbank.org](http://www.vtfoodbank.org) 1 in every 4 Vermonters struggle with hunger. This is a great service project for scouts to help those in need right in their own communities.

Q: Is there other Options than going door to door?

A: Yes, Traditionally, Scouting for Food is one weekend hanging up door hangers in your community, and second weekend picking up the food bags. There is other options for your units to participate in:

- Talk to your local grocery stores or businesses about putting out boxes for food collection on Saturday April 28th. Make sure box is clearly labeled so patrons know what the collection is for. All week the box will be set out for people to donate. On Long Trail District Scouting for Food Collection day, Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> Scouting Units will pick up all the boxes they left.
- Talk to local grocery stores about having a food drive on Long Trail Districts Scouting for Food collection day on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Q: Is there anything I should know before my Unit goes door to door?

A: Yes! Flyers/Door hangers should be placed where people can see them. Providing a plastic bag will double as collection and a safe place to put the flyer. Make sure Scouts avoid putting flyers on Mailboxes or places it will fly away.

Q: Is it mandatory for my Unit to participate?

A: No, Scouting for Food is not a mandatory program but, it is a great opportunity to participate in a District Wide Service Project while giving back to your own community.

Q: Where does all the food we collect go?

A: That is up to your Unit!! Collected food should be donated where your Unit feels has the most need. Local organizations and Churches are good places to look for food shelves to donate if you are not familiar with any. Collecting in your Community and for your community is a great way for Units to give back to their towns.