

Scouting for Food - Sat Jan 2, 2019

Background

Scouting for Food is the largest single-day food collection event in Mecklenburg County. It is the number one council-wide “Good Turn for America” service project. It generates approximately half of all the food donated to Loaves & Fishes during the year. In each of the last 5 years, Mecklenburg County Council Packs, Troops, and Venturing Crews, in cooperation with Catawba Lodge Order of the Arrow, have collected and sorted over 250,000 pounds of food.

Loaves & Fishes provides a week's worth of nutritious groceries to individuals and families in a short-term crisis through its network of over two dozen food pantries throughout the county. Loaves & Fishes has provided groceries to well over 100,000 people each year. Loaves & Fishes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nondenominational organization, founded and operated by local religious congregations and community organizations.

Non-Perishable Food Items Are Needed

In greatest need are:

- Canned meats
- Canned fruits
- 100% fruit juices
- Canned pasta (such as Spaghetti-O's)
- Cereal
- We cannot collect glass containers or frozen food

Each Scout in Troop 116 Is Asked to Participate. Here's How:

1. Fill your bags with non-perishable food items from your family, friends, and neighbors.
2. Leave bags for them to fill several days or a week in advance.
3. Pick up your bags on Friday evening or early Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m.
4. Bring your collected bags to the Scout Hut at St. John's on Saturday morning between 9:30-11:00 a.m. Check in with your Patrol Leader (or someone in charge) at the Scout Hut. Help carry your bags inside to be checked. Stick around for a while if you can to help load bags into vehicles to be transported to our designated collection site.
5. Senior Patrol Leader and each Patrol Leader (or his designated substitute) please plan to be at the Scout Hut on Sat Feb 2 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. to help unload and load bags, count and record bags brought by each Scout, and assist Mr. Middlebrooks as needed.

Your participation in this effort will be noted by the troop. It will count as participation in a Troop Activity outside of a regular Troop Meeting, good for junior rank advancement. It will help your patrol be recognized for the SPL Honor Patrol Award.