

Scouting For Food March 19, 2016



For many years we have been told, boys in the Cub Scouting program should not be helping with Scouting for Food, and we have passed on that information. This issue has been addressed this year in writing and this legend has been proven, false. We encourage you to read it and participate according.

Thanks for all you do and the service you give to those in your dens and packs!

Deseret Peak District

District Leaders:

Scouting for Food is one of the great events we do because we are able to help so many hungry families, and also because we can have every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, and potentially every adult Scouter involved in working together to make it happen. The many “Good Turns” done on a daily basis by over 100,000 Scouts and Scouters in our council often go without being noticed, and that’s okay, but Scouting for Food is a time when our collective Good Turn can be front page news because of the difference we can make together.

It works like this: Door hanger tags are placed at every house by Cub Scouts in uniform, their family members, their adult leaders in uniform, and others in a carefully organized effort to make sure every home in the neighborhood has an opportunity to give. This happens a few days before the Saturday when food is collected. The Scouting methods of the buddy system and adult association are combined with the principles of Youth Protection training and are followed.

On Saturday, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers go door to door in uniform starting at 9:00 am to collect food from every house in their unit’s boundaries. If food is not on the porch, Scouts knock on the door and get additional food from folks who forgot to put it out front. Scouts always use the buddy system. They wear seat belts any time they are in a moving vehicle, and are never driven by drivers who are under the age of 21 or not approved to operate a motor vehicle for any other reason. It is the responsibility of the unit to assure that youth and drivers follow these guidelines.

Order of the Arrow members help their home units with food collection, and are then asked to stay at the drop off location until dismissed by their chapter chief and chapter adviser.

We are grateful for the thousands of volunteers who make Scouting for Food happen in every neighborhood in our council. Thank you for being part of this great Good Turn!

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