



Scouting for Food Service Project

Distribution Weeks
October 25th to November 14th

Collection Day
November 15th

Scouting for food is an annual food-collection drive, and one of the many service project Scouting America has conducted since 1910.

870,000 Bay Area residents and a quarter million residents in our council geography lack adequate access to food. Scouts can help make an impact by participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive.

This annual effort for Scouting in the Greater Bay Area is coordinated in November. Door hangers are provided in early October for Scouts to distribute to neighbors and businesses during the weeks of October 25 to November 14, requesting donations to be picked up on November 15 after 9:00 am.

The plan is simple:

1. Pick up door hangers at the Council Service Centers in October.
2. You can participate as an individual, family, or unit.
3. Select the area where your unit will distribute door hangers in your neighborhood the weeks of October 25th to November 14th. Links to an online map and instructions are on our Council Website for Service
 - <https://www.svmbsc.org/activities/service-projects/>
4. Pick up the food left outside of the homes on November 15th after 9:00 am, and deliver it to a local food bank or pantry (see reverse for more info).
 - Please obtain permission before handing out door hangers at Apartment Complexes, Condominium Complexes, Gate Communities, or other similar housing complexes.
 - Please make sure to stay within the SVMBC Boundaries. Our neighboring councils will be doing their own Scouting for Food Drives and we do not want to compete with them.
5. Log your efforts on the Service Hours Report form:
 - <https://247scouting.com/forms/055-ServiceHoursReport>
6. Please report your service before December 1st.

SVMBC 2025 Food Banks and Pantries

Coyote Creek District

Coordinators: Sandy Shewey: slshewey@sbcglobal.net
Anand Vengadassalam: anand.vengadassalam@gmail.com

- Milpitas Food Pantry, 1440 S. Main Street, Milpitas, CA (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Quicksilver District

Coordinator: Ian McFadyen: irmcfad@sbcglobal.net

- Sacred Heart Community Center, 1381 S. First Street, San Jose, CA (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- St Catherine's Catholic Church, 17400 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill (10:00 am - 2:30 pm)
- St Joseph's Family Center, 7950 church Street, suite A, Gilroy (Tue and Fri 8:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Pioneer District

Coordinator: Reshma Sultana: sultana.reshma@gmail.com

- Growing Hope United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
(aka Almaden Hills United Methodist Church)

Polaris District

Coordinators: Shebistan Jawed: shabistanjawed@gmail.com
Arnab Bhattacharya: arnie41178@gmail.com

- West Valley Community Services, 10104 Vista Drive, Cupertino (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Loma Prieta District

Coordinator: Chris Garcia: eqnematoad@yahoo.com

- Second Harvest Food Bank, 800 Ohlone Parkway, Watsonville (Before 12:00 pm)
- Valley Churches United, 9400 Highway 9, Ben Lomond (10:00 - 2:00 pm)

Santa Lucia District

Coordinator: Glenn Woodson: glenn.woodson@gmail.com

- The Food Bank of Monterey County, 353 West Rossi St, Salinas (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Thomas Carmen Food Pantry, 425 Carmel Ave, Marina (Nov 4 11:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- Veterans Transition Center, 220 Twelfth St, Marina (Nov 3 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm)

San Benito District

Coordinator: Kristy Burchard: kristykb@charter.net

- Community Food Bank of San Benito, 1133 San Felipe Drive, Hollister