

Troop 714 -

As I mentioned in the meeting tonight, Troop 714 will be Scouting for Food the entire month of October in support of MUST Ministries. Please review these points I discussed:

--- We need to do better than we did earlier this year. This time, every patrol ***should have a plan***, and your patrol leader has a checklist to help make this plan. When making your plan, think outside the box. Gather food ***by patrol*** and from outside the home. Community visibility and participation is the goal. Working neighborhoods, associations, and churches are some ideas. The following link has some other ideas when developing a plan (click on the first attachment at the bottom of the page): https://www.foothillsbsa.org/scouting-food-2017?utm_source=Foothills+District+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=cb575d82d1-FH_NEWS_2017_02_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d22719b3fe-cb575d82d1-271087053

--- The best way to gather food is face-to-face. If you visit neighborhoods, all Scouts should have a driver. 2 Scouts can work each side of the street going door to door, in uniform, ringing doorbells, explaining the mission and asking. Choose neighborhoods with houses close together instead of ones with mansions. Look at neighborhoods like east toward Roswell or north into Cherokee. Finally, choose a good time when folks are home. For example, Sunday afternoons are quiet. People are likely home.

--- You can also use a handout, place them on the doorsteps, then come back later to pick up the food. However, this handout has not worked very well in the past, but you may want to use this as part of your plan. Also if you want, I have signs that you can place in a neighborhood entrance that gives notice that you'll be picking up food on "Saturday morning". If your patrol wants a sign, please let me know. The handout can be found here: <https://www.troop714.org/?p=4603>

--- The goal after this effort is done is ***50 items per scout***

--- Type of food that should be collected –

- Dry or canned foods preferable
- Glass containers not preferred but accepted
- No expired items

--- Guidelines –

--- "Collect what's right and reasonable". Buying a six pack, removing the items and reporting this as "six items" is ***not allowed***.

--- Use regular plastic grocery bags, simple boxes, paper bags, etc. to collect. If you hang bags in a neighborhood with a note that you will come back later, **make sure not to hang bags on mailboxes.**

--- Bring collected items to the October Troop meetings to the table in the foyer of the church. ***The very last collection will be October 30th***. Please make sure the adults-in-charge (Mr. and Mrs. Hinrichs) count the items and makes sure you and your patrol receives credit.

--- Rewards:

--- Pizza party for the 1st patrol to achieve 100% ***by October 30th*** that also has each Scout having at least 50 cans each.

--- Brewster's gift card for the patrol leader whose patrol achieves 100% as well as any Scouts in that patrol who collects 100 cans.

--- Ice cream or cake party for the entire troop if every Scout collects 50 cans!

Let's blow out the 50 item per Scout goal in this year's Scouting for Food effort! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
John Hinrichs