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Calling all Scouts and Volunteers!

For our 100th Anniversary, Suffolk County Scouts is partnering with Stop & Shop and Island Harvest for our annual **Scouting for Food Drive** which is scheduled for **March 23rd**. We have set a centennial year goal of 100,000 pounds of food to help our fellow Long Islanders.

This year our Scouting for Food drive will have three ways to participate:

Neighborhood Bag Collection

Just as we have in the past, our scouts will be distributing grocery bags to our neighbors and asking them to fill the bags with non-perishable donations and leave them by their front door for collection. Collected food will be brought to an Island Harvest Truck conveniently located in each district. Bags will be distributed closer to the distribution date.

Stop & Shop Store Front Collection

We will have scouting units in front of thirteen Suffolk County Stop & Shop stores asking shoppers to support our food drive by picking up additional items as they shop. At the end of the collection the unit will drop off collected items to their district's Island Harvest truck.

Virtual online Food Drive

We will be asking members of our communities to support our Scouting for Food drive by making a donation to Island Harvest. Each dollar donated equals 2 pounds of food. The website allows for various types of donations in various increments.

The website is not functional yet but check it out at:

<https://www.fooddriveonline.org/islandharvest/scbsa>

Next Steps:

- Please have your unit identify a Scouting for Food Drive coordinator and email their contact information along with your units preferred form of participation (Bag Collection, Storefront or Virtual) to Donna Lillie dmlillie.bsa@gmail.com. Note: Store locations are on a first come first serve basis, so please include your preferred Stop & Shop location (see below).
- Mark your calendar our Press Conference which will be on Thursday, March

14th at 11:00 AM at the Island Harvest Warehouse. We would like as many Scouts there as possible (Class A). Unfortunately, this is during school hours, but this is the preferred time for the various news agencies. If you will be attending the Press Conference, please let Donna dmlillie.bsa@gmail.com or Gina Gina.Carson@Scouting.org know.

- 3. Get your unit fired up! Our 100,000 pounds for 100 Years is a serious goal but we know our scouters can do it.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why did we partner with Island Harvest?

Island Harvest is essentially a food bank to food banks and supports over 400 members. They are highly efficient and have been serving Long Island for over 25 years. For more information on Island Harvest visit <http://www.islandharvest.org>.

What about our local pantry?

When you drop off the food that you collect to the Island Harvest Truck, you can let them know where you would like your donations delivered and they will direct your donations to that center.

Where will my food drop off point be?

We are currently working with Stop and Shop and Island Harvest to identify the best locations in each district to have the Island Harvest truck parked for collection. We will do our best to make it a central location and as convenient as possible. The trucks should be available for collection from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

At what stores will we be collection donations?

Stop & Shop are currently renovating the majority of their Suffolk County stores so we will be collecting food in the following 13 locations:

Store Address	Store Phone #
1100 East Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743	(631) 547-6970
3126 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport, NY 11731	(631) 462-5555/6857
351 Merrick Road, Amityville, NY 11701	(631) 691-0304/0197
454 Fort Solanga Rd. Northport, NY 11768	(631) 757-4394/4995
575 Montauk Highway, W. Babylon, NY 11704	(631) 321-9046/9041
1730 Veteran's Memorial Hwy., Islandia, NY 11722	(631) 348-2556
60 Wall St, Huntington, NY 11743	(631) 351-8356
191 Montauk Highway, Sayville, NY 11782	(631)589-9677

275 Middle Country Road, Coram, NY 11727	(631)736-4772
700-60 Patchogue-Yaphank Road, Medford, NY 11763	(631)924-4047
245 Route 25A, Rocky Point, NY 11778	(631)228-3089
67 Newton Lane., East Hampton, NY	(631) 324-6215
Main St. and Jagger Lane, Southampton, NY	(631) 283-0045

What will my unit receive?

All participating units and scouts will have the pride of supporting our Long Island Neighbors with their food concerns. In addition, each participating unit will receive a Food Drive Ribbon for their Troop Flag.

I have other questions

Please email either Donna Lillie at dmlillie.bsa@gmail.com or Gina Carson at Gina.Carson@scouting.org

Thank you for helping us make our centennial year a year in which we help our fellow Long Islanders.!



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 23rd