



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL



One in nine New Jersey households, or nearly 750,000 people, are food insecure. 300,000 are children. Scouting for Food is one of the nation's largest food drives that Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturing Crews and Exploring Posts participate in to support their local food pantries and hunger-relief agencies. The Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America is partnering with six regional food hubs (in Morris, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex and Union counties) to offer an opportunity for your troop to fight hunger while learning about the issue of food insecurity in our neighborhoods.



# 1

Select the dates for your drive. The first date will be for distribution of bags and materials, and the second should be one week later to pick up donations and deliver them to the pantries/agencies. We are encouraging groups to conduct your drive sometime between January and April to avoid the busy holiday season and supply the pantry at a time when donations are low.

# 2

Seek out adult volunteers to support your community by helping distribute bags and flyers in your neighborhood and by picking up collected food items. Alternatively, you can coordinate a one-day food collection event at your school or, with the store manager's approval, outside a local grocery store.

# 3

Contact the food drive coordinator at your selected Pantry to arrange for pickup of reusable bags and flyers. At this time you can schedule the drop off of food donations and if available, arrange for a tour and a short service activity.

# 4

Deliver your donations! Please see reverse side of flyer for instructions on how to set up the drop off of your donations.

# Contact Information

## Morris County

### **Interfaith Food Pantry Network**

2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ

[www.mcifp.org](http://www.mcifp.org) · Text 'hunger' to 26-989 to donate

Contact Kiley Powell at the [kpowell@mcifp.org](mailto:kpowell@mcifp.org) or call 973-538-8049 x 236 to arrange food drop off and tours. Tours and service activity last about 1- 1.5 hours.

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## Middlesex County

### **Replenish**

28 Kennedy Blvd. Ste. 850, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Contact Peter Ellison at [peter.ellison@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:peter.ellison@co.middlesex.nj.us) to discuss potential support with flyers, reusable bags or containers, and drop off or pick up of food drive donations. Tours and service learning activities may also be arranged and would last about 45 minutes.

[www.middlesexcountynj.gov/replenish](http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/replenish)

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## Somerset County

### **Food Bank of Somerset County**

7E Easy Street, Middlebrook Crossroads Industrial Park, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Contact Steve Katz at [steve@somersetfoodbank.org](mailto:steve@somersetfoodbank.org) or call 732-560-1813 to arrange food drop off.  
[www.somersetfoodbank.org](http://www.somersetfoodbank.org)

### **Franklin Food Bank**

224 Churchill Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873

Contact Allie O'Brien at [aobrien@ftfb.us](mailto:aobrien@ftfb.us) or call 732-246-0009 to arrange food drop off.  
[www.franklinfoodbank.org](http://www.franklinfoodbank.org)

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## Sussex County

### **Sparta Community Food Bank**

99 Demarest Rd, Sparta Township, NJ 07871

Contact Valerie Machio at [valeriemacchio007@gmail.com](mailto:valeriemacchio007@gmail.com) to to arrange food drop off.  
[www.spartacommunityfoodpantry.org](http://www.spartacommunityfoodpantry.org)

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## Union County

### **St. Joseph's Social Service Center**

118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Contact Corey Wu-Jung at [cwujung@sjeliz.org](mailto:cwujung@sjeliz.org) or call 908-354-5456 ext. 412 to arrange food drop off. Tours and service learning activities may also be arranged and would last about 1 hour.  
[www.sjeliz.org](http://www.sjeliz.org)