



# Scouting for Food

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On Saturday, thousands of Scouts in the Lewis & Clark Council and additional volunteers and parents collected 374,979 food items during the annual "Scouting for Food" drive. Scouts distributed more than 270,000 bags on Saturday, Nov. 10 in all communities in the Metro East and other areas of Southern IL. Today they returned to collect the bags filled with canned goods and non perishable food items.

Locally in the Piasa Bird District, which covers parts of Madison County, Calhoun, Greene, MacCoupin and Jersey counties, 503 Scouts with the help of 334 adult volunteers collected 59,123 items of food. Both the Council and District are up significantly from 2011.

Nearly 100 local food pantries throughout the region rely on Scouting for Food and the generosity of the community to help stock their shelves before the holiday season and cold winter months. This year's donations will provide many months supply for some pantries. All items collected stay in the community to serve the needy. Scouting for Food is an excellent opportunity each year to teach our young people the value of service to others and support the great efforts of local food pantries to ensure the needy of our area do not go hungry this winter. Thanks to the entire community for their support.