girl scouts of the missouri heartland

FIGHTING HUNGER

Together, We Can Make A Difference

This April, we are asking troops across the Missouri Heartland to take action against hunger by collecting non-perishable food items from their local neighborhoods and donate them to community food banks and pantries.

Food insecurity affects every corner of our council—rural, urban, and suburban alike. More than 715,000 Missourians, including 177,000 children, struggle with food insecurity. That means **one in seven households** may not know where their next meal is coming from.

This project is an opportunity for Girl Scouts to lead with compassion, take action, and create a lasting impact in their communities.

> Check the back of this flyer for troop instructions, reporting details, and a list of community partners you can support.

Participate & Earn This Patch! Troops that join the service project and submit their impact report will receive the Fighting Hunger patch.



Here's How To Get Started

Ready to take part in the Fighting Hunger Service Project? Here's how to begin:

Reach out to your **Community Volunteer Engagement Specialist** (CVES) to request door hangers, flyers for local businesses, and instructions to get started.

Not sure who your CVES is? Email volunteersupport@ girlscoutsmoheartland.org, and we'll connect you with the right person.

To ensure we track the collective impact of Girl Scouts, follow the provided instructions and submit your troop's report by May 12.

Need more info? Check out the <u>FAQ page</u> for details about materials, donation guidelines, and more.

Submit Your Impact Report Due By May 12



Scan the QR code or click here.

Community Partners

Looking for a place to donate your collected items? Consider supporting one of our trusted community partners. These organizations work year-round to fight hunger and provide food assistance to those in need.

Your troop's contributions help strengthen our communities and ensure families have access to essential resources. **Thank you for making a difference!**





Troop Instructions

- 1. Place door hangers around neighborhoods and partner with local businesses during the month of April.
- 2. Pick up donations by **May 3**.
- 3. Submit your impact report by **May 12**.
- 4. Be prepared to report:
 - Number of Girl Scouts and adults who participated
 - Where your troop donated
 - Total volunteer hours (Example: 10 volunteers x 10 hours = 100 hours)
 - Total weight of donated items (in pounds)

Sedalia Open Door Service Center The Salvation Army

Cape Girardeau The Salvation Army

Perryville Little Whitewater Baptist Church Food Pantry

Jackson Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

Scott City Scott City Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

Jefferson City The Salvation Army Catholic Charities Rape & Abuse Crisis Service Senior Nutrition Center

Kennett Helping Hand

Columbia The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri