



The Idaho Foodbank Food Drive Scavenger Hunt Kit

This activity combines the benefit of a food drive with the fun of a scavenger hunt! Participants will complete a cooperative canned food scavenger hunt with a meaningful purpose— to help Idaho’s poor and hungry individuals and families.

PLANNING/SETUP:

1. Read through this sheet and decide on a date and time best for your activity.
2. Plan for a space to store your food until you can deliver it to facilities in Boise, Lewiston or Pocatello during business hours.
3. Organize the following:
 - Maps of safe neighborhoods to gather food donations located around a central meeting site. Mark the various territories on it so you know where everyone is.
 - Two sturdy medium-sized containers per team.
 - A car or van and a responsible adult driver for each team.
 - Team Tally sheet for each team (attached).
 - Current literature from The Idaho Foodbank to give to donors and cards explaining to donors who your group is and what you are doing. You can get these from The Idaho Foodbank Food Drive Coordinator by calling 577-2750 in Boise, 746-2288 in Lewiston or 233-8811 in Pocatello.
 - Name tags for participants with first names only.
 - A team leader who stays at the Meeting Site with a stopwatch and records the time and tally totals for each group on the Team Tally Summary sheet (attached).
 - If desired, appropriate prizes for winners and all participants.

ORIENTATION/PREPARATION:

- Tell participants that collected food items will be donated to The Idaho Foodbank. Share some statistics from the Foodbank information sheet.
- Organize participants into teams depending on how many adults and youth you have; 2-4 adults or 4-6 kids with an adult driver is a workable team. (They can split up on location with two or three on each side of the street.)
- Determine which neighborhoods each team will work and designate locations on maps. These should be safe neighborhoods and as close to your meeting site as possible.
- Determine a time limit for the activity and write it on the Team Tally sheet. Instruct participants that points will be deducted for every 5 minutes they are late.
- Drivers should be reminded to **be cautious**, extremely responsible, and not exceed the speed limit. Groups traveling to the farthest location depart first, and so on in order. All groups must return at a specific time (one hour is good).
- Each group should have a sturdy box and a Team Tally sheet.

INTO THE STREETS:

- **Safety first – then see how much you can collect in the allotted time!**
- Once in their assigned neighborhood, team members can stay together or split up to cover both sides of the road. One person carries the box, another carries the score sheet, and another carries the introduction/information cards.
- Team members knock or ring the doorbell, greeting the resident politely. Youth introduce themselves i.e.: “Hello! We are from (name of your organization); we are collecting food items for The Idaho Foodbank. Do you have any non-perishable food you wish to donate? Our youth group is doing this activity as a scavenger hunt with certain food items worth more points than others. You are free to donate any pantry items you wish! But this list might give you an idea of what items the Foodbank really needs.” (Most folks will like the theme and purpose of this activity and will want to see how many items on your list they can provide.)
- Use the attached tally sheet to keep track of the food the teams gather, but don’t take time to count while you’re out. Do that later, after you get back.
- Remind team members that when they approach a home, they should remain at the entrance where the adult driver can see them. They should never go into another part of the house without making sure the driver gives an obvious signal of approval.
- The driver cruises slowly between the two teams to monitor them at all times. If the food boxes become too heavy to carry, unload food items in the trunk of the vehicle and continue.

AND TO A THRILLING FINISH:

- All teams must return by the agreed upon time or they will be penalized! Mark the time on each Team Tally sheet.
- When all teams have returned, they should unpack their collected goods, tally them on the Foodbank Team Tally sheet, and report their total to the group leader.
- Give appropriate awards to each winning team, as desired, but be sure to **recognize the contribution of the group as a whole**. You’re fantastic!!

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Team Tally Sheet

Team Name or Number: _____

Map Area: _____

Time Due: _____ Time Returned: _____

Please note that food should be packaged and include an ingredient label. The Idaho Foodbank is unable to accept any homemade products. We do accept expired items up to two years for most products and three months for baby food. We do not accept Pet Food.

Item	Points per item	Tally example: III	Total example: 360
Canned beef, tuna, chicken or turkey	120		
Peanut butter	120		
Soup, stew, or meal-in-a-can	100		
Canned or dried beans or legumes	80		
Cake, muffin or pancake mix	80		
Dried jerky, fruit or nuts	80		
Shelf-stable milk	80		
Oatmeal or breakfast cereal	80		
Juice or juice boxes (100% juice)	70		
Spaghetti Sauce	70		
Rice, noodles or pasta	70		
Canned Fruit	60		
Canned Vegetable	60		
Macaroni and cheese	60		
Non-juice beverages	50		
Toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, etc	50		
Other items	50		
SubTotal			
Minus late Penalty (for each 5 minutes)	-10		
Team Total			



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