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'Scouting for Food' Drive in Central Contra Costa County Begins Saturday

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Area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will leave hangers on many a Central County front door handles Saturday, seeking donations of nonperishable food as part of the Scouts' national "Scouting for Food" program.

The food collected is given to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for its holiday food baskets.

The local food banks alone expect 175,000 pounds of food from Boy Scouts who collect food from residential addresses.

"For the Scouts, this kind of service is called a 'Good Turn,' and over the last 16 years local Scouts have collected over 2.5 million pounds of food to help the needy in our community," said Jim Mattson, chairman of the local Scouting For Food drive.

An estimated 6,000 Scouts are expected to take part first on Nov. 10, when Scouts leave the door hangers, and again on Nov. 17, to pick up bags and boxes of food residents leave on their front steps and porches.

Those who receive a Scouting For Food door hanger are asked to have food on the porch or steps by 9 a.m. Nov. 17, for pickup before 3 p.m.