



What is Feed Your Neighbor (FYN) Food Drive & Service Day?

After getting great feedback from girls to do a council-wide service project to fight hunger, the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day Patch Program was launched. The program, which encourages both community service and service learning, incorporates Girl Scouts' three keys to leaderships - Discover, Connect, and Take Action - and then culminates with a great day of service, through food drives and volunteering.

Where can I find FYN information?

On the front page of the GSGLA website (www.girlscoutsla.org), you can click on the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day button; or, you can navigate to Service Saturday under Activities/Signature Events or through the calendar under the date April 30, 2016.

Can I earn the FYN patch by just participating in the food drive or do I have to complete the patch requirements?

You can only earn the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day patch by completing three patch program requirements; but don't worry, the activities are engaging, fun, and easy to do!

What are the patch program requirements?

Visit www.girlscoutsla.org and click on the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day button to download the requirements. The patch program is broken down into three age level brackets: Daisy/Brownie, Junior/Cadette, and Senior/Ambassador.

Why are we doing FYN now instead of the holidays?

To make a greater impact! Previously, FYN was done during the holiday season. Not only were hundreds of other great organizations competing for the same support at that time, but these campaigns filled the food banks and pantries during the season - leaving them depleted when the holidays passed. It will be extremely beneficial to our food bank partner to help fill the pantries at a time when giving may not necessarily be on everyone's mind.

Does my troop have to participate in FYN?

No. Girl Scouts provides hundreds of great experiences and opportunities, but we know you can't take advantage of them all.

Can we do the food drive on Saturday, April 30, but turn in the food later in the week?

Because the program is on April 30, we would prefer that food is collected and donated on that day. We have made special arrangements with local food banks and pantries to be open on that date to accept donations.

Do troops have to take their food to a specific food bank or can they donate to a place of their choice? Can girls turn in their food to their church, for example?

GSGLA has made arrangements with local food banks and pantries in our area to be open on April 30. We would prefer that on this date food is taken to those locations.

Are we only collecting food on April 30 or are we collecting food other days, too?

April 30 is the culmination of the patch program, so most of the program's food collection energy, promotion, and media coverage is happening that day. However, you'll note in the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day Patch Program that girls are encouraged to host their own drive leading up to the big day, if they so choose.

What time will we be accepting food on Saturday, April 30?

Food donations can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at designated GSGLA service centers and food banks/pantries.

Ralph's/Food4Less boothing shifts are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. FYN booth information details are available on the ivolunteer.com calendars.

How do we get the patch?

Once you've completed three appropriate activities, including food drive or service on April 30, download an evaluation form from our website (www.girlscoutsla.org), complete the form, and turn it in at your local service center. Just bring in a completed evaluation form to any service center and trade it in for a Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day patch. Evaluation forms can be turned in as a group or individual. Patches will also be available on April 30 at the designated food drop-off locations. **Evaluations must be submitted within two weeks of the program. Patches are subject to availability after April 30.**

What age levels are able to booth for FYN?

All age levels that are eligible to booth for the Cookie Program can booth for FYN. However, service opportunities are somewhat limited to older girls, so Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are encouraged to take advantage of the service opportunities. Download the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day Patch Program from the website (www.girlscoutsla.org) for other activity options.

How will troops be able to sign up for booths for FYN?

The FYN booth registration will be done via ivolunteer.com. Visit the website (www.girlscoutsla.org) for details. Remember, you do not have to host a food drive booth to participate in Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive & Service Day. Download the patch program to find out other ways to participate.