



“Let’s Can Hunger” Scavenger Hunt

Objective:

Participants will complete a cooperative canned food scavenger hunt with a meaningful purpose—to help the poor.

Set up and Materials:

- Maps of safe neighborhoods to gather food donations
- Two sturdy medium-sized boxes per team
- A car or van and a responsible adult driver for each team
- Appropriate prizes for winners and all participants
- Two copies of the tally sheet (available on-line) for each team
- Notecards or fliers explaining to donors who your group is, what you’re doing, and why. It’s the perfect PR opportunity for your group!
- Literature about Outreach International to give to donors
- Name tags for participants with first names only

Try this!

Use the tally sheet on the next page to keep track of the food the teams gather. Have a prize for the winning team either during or after the event!

Activity Instructions:

Tell participants that collected food items will be donated to the local food pantry. Canned vegetables, soup, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, cereal, juice, and baby food make for a fun challenge. This combines the fun of a scavenger hunt with the worthy benefit of a food drive.

Organize participants into teams depending on how many youth and adult leaders you have; 4-6 kids with an adult driver is a workable team. (They will split up on location with two or three on each side of the street.)

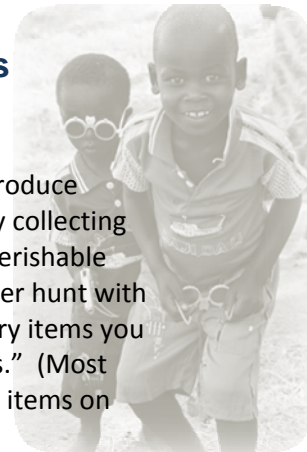
Determine in what neighborhoods each team will work and designate locations on maps. These should be safe neighborhoods and as close to your Hunger Challenge site as possible.

A time limit should be determined for the activity. 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 scavenger hunt score sheet (though they should not tally their points while out on the scavenger hunt.)

Once in their assigned neighborhood, team members split up to cover both sides of the road. One person carries the box, another carries the score sheet, and the other carries the introduction/information cards.

Activities



- Team members knock or ring the doorbell, greeting the resident politely. Youth introduce themselves i.e.: “Hello! We are from (name of your organization) and are presently collecting food items for the (name of your local pantry) Food Pantry. Do you have any non-perishable food you wish to donate? Our youth group is doing this activity as a sort of 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 food pantry 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.)
- Remind team members that when they enter 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.

All teams must return to their Hunger Challenge headquarters at the specified time. (You may motivate them by saying that groups lose points for every minute they are late).

- When all teams have returned, they should unpack their collected goods and tally them on the score sheet. Leaders should make considerable fanfare as final team points are announced.
- Give appropriate awards to each winning team.

At the conclusion of this activity, discuss the event with the teams.

- How did you feel collecting food items instead of odds and ends as in most scavenger hunts?
- How did people react when they realized what you were collecting for?
- What other times of the year might be great for a canned food scavenger hunt?



Let's Can Scavenger Hunt Tally Sheet

	Points	Tally	Total
Canned Staples			
Canned Soup	25		
Canned Fruit	25		
Canned Vegetables	25		
Canned Meats (stew, spaghetti, etc.)	100		
Tuna, other canned fish	75		
Breakfast Items			
Honey	100		
Peanut Butter	100		
Jelly, Jam or Preserves	100		
Pancake Mix	100		
Bisquick	100		
Syrup	100		
Oatmeal	100		
Cream of Wheat	100		
Dry Cereal	100		
Boxed, Bagged Items			
Dry Rice, Beans, Pasta	50		
Dried Soup Mix	25		
Instant Potatoes	50		
Rice-A-Roni	50		
Macaroni and Cheese	25		
Hamburger Helper	50		
Powdered, Canned Milk	50		
Crackers	25		
Juices- Jar or Can			
Fruit	50		
Hi-C or other drink	25		
Vegetable or Tomato	50		
Rice-A-Roni	50		
Other			
Baby diapers	50		
Baby Cereal and Jars of Food	25		
Grand Total:			

Activities

