

**Please review the entire event information to follow:**

First of all, we would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to this exciting event! We are looking forward to the 4th Annual Gift of Food Holiday Food Drive and hope to achieve our goal of raising 25,000 pounds of food! Below is a detailed outline of what to expect related to the event:

Week prior to the event: December 9-13, 2013

**Grocery Bags:** we will provide each team with enough grocery bags to distribute at least one per house in their selected collection area(s) during the week leading up to the event. We will include handouts along with the bags that fully describe the event. This will go a long way toward creating better awareness for the event.

**Bag Pickup:** bags will be available at Big Sky Western Bank’s four Gallatin Valley locations: Downtown (on Babcock), West (Huffine & Ferguson), Four Corners, and in Belgrade (Jackrabbit). Bags will also be available at the Gallatin Valley Food bank for pickup and the Prudential offices on Stadium Drive and 19th St. If you can’t make it to any of these locations, please let us know.

Day of the event: December 14, 2013

**Time of Event:** The event will officially begin at 10am and last until you finish (1-2 hrs).

**Check-in Time and Location:**  Due to the amount of coordination, we ask that all team leaders show up at between 9:30am-10:30am to collect their lanyards/badges at their assigned drop off location. We will let you know your drop-off location prior to the event.

**Lanyards:**

* Lanyards with volunteer badges will be distributed the day of the event. Please wear these throughout the morning and ensure they are visible (should be worn on the outside of your jacket/coat).
* We would like to collect the lanyards at the end of the event and there will be a “Lanyard Return” box at your designated drop off location

**Maps**

* Maps were sent to you by email. Please print a copy of the map for your team members. The Drop-off locations will have copies of the maps, but it will be easier if you have your printed copy.

**Emergency Phone number:**

In the event of emergency, please call one of the Event Leads:

1. Justin: 406-539-6151
2. Ron: 406-539-9396
3. Gallatin Valley Food Bank: 406-586-7600

**Team structure:** Teams can range in size from two people to however many you want –four- five people per team has been recommended in past years. Ideally, there would be one “designated driver” to help transport all of the food that is collected. Please be sure to keep in touch with your team throughout the event. **Please feel free to take more than one pick up area if your team size allows.**

**Drop-Off Locations:** There will be 5 drop off locations (listed below). You will want to take the collected bags to the drop off location that you are assigned. This will help to know if the teams have returned and if there are areas that will still need to be picked up. There will be teams at each location to help unload your vehicle.

**Within Bozeman:**

* Home Depot
* Bogart Park
* MSU Field House – unless there is a conflict with an MSU playoff game
* Rosauers

**Within Belgrade:**

* Town Pump (by Albertsons)

**Donated Items:**  We are on a mission to collect non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations

* Checks: Checks should be made out to “Gallatin Valley Food Bank”
* Food: Non-perishable food items

**Protocol for Days Activities**

**Expectations of Team Leaders**

* Pickup lanyards and team information the morning of the event
* Manage your team
* Make sure food is collected throughout your assigned neighborhood(s)
* Designate one person to drive
* Accountable for all team members. If someone will not be able to attend the day’s event, you are accountable to find a volunteer to replace their spot, and/or just take a little longer to cover your neighborhood.
* Accountable for making sure your food and checks are dropped off at the assigned drop-off location.
* Please be safe. Watch out for cars. Keep an eye on children. Etc!

**Expectations of Team Members**:

* Please be courteous
* Pick up bags that are left at the front door**. If no bag is left outside, please knock on the door and ask the home owner if they would like to make a food or monetary donation**
* Enjoy!

**Results:**

The final results will be emailed out to you following the event.

**Surveys:**

We will email out a link to a survey to all volunteers (please pass the survey along to your team members) in the weeks following the event. We look forward to your feedback on how we can improve next year’s event.

Thank you again for all of your help!!! This is our 4th year running this event, and we look forward to making it a prosperous event to benefit the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. We will appreciate your patience and support.

***Please reach out to Justin Varley-*** [***jvarley@bigskybank.com***](mailto:jvarley@bigskybank.com) ***if you have any questions or concerns.***