

2021 Skamania County Fair Food Drive

2021 will be the first annual Skamania County Fair food drive. This event will take place during the Skamania County Fair and Timber Carnival from Wednesday August 18th- Saturday August 21st. All donations will benefit the Stevenson Food Bank, which is part of the Washington Gorge Action Program and works to alleviate the problem of hunger in our communities. As this fair is the original "Free-gate" fair in the Northwest, a food drive is a great way to give back and support the local community. To kick off the food drive, at the recent Gorge Bluegrass Festival, \$251 in tips were raised to towards purchasing needed items.

Exhibit hall and animal barns will have decorated shopping carts for visitors to leave their donations, which is part of a friendly competition for the best decorated cart and most donated items. The ultimate goal will be to fill the horse trailer stationed outside of the main exhibit hall. At the conclusion of the fair the horse trailer will be weighed to get a final amount in pounds of all the donations. This list of most needed items is below, and each day of the fair will have a set of items emphasized for donations, any items are welcome any day though.

Desired nonperishable food items to be donated any day:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef)
- Canned fruit, dried fruit, jams and jellies, apple sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Canned and dried beans (pinto, navy, kidney, refried)
- Canned stew, chili, hearty soups, and broth
- Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)
- Spices and sauces (mole, enchilada sauce, cumin, chilies)
- Non-food items (shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

On the days below the items below are being emphasized for donation:

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dried goods-pasta, rice, cereal, beans	Non-food items- personal hygiene, toiletries	Fruits and veggies	Protein day-canned meats, stews, chili, hearty soups

Each barn will have a decorated shopping cart for donations, which includes a friendly competition to see which barn brings in the most items and has the best decorated cart. Trophies awarded for the best decorated cart that coincides with the fair theme of, "Let the Good Times Grow," and the for the barn that collects the greatest number of items, with extra points awarded for emphasis items. Donation drop-off locations will be in the following areas around the fairgrounds

1. Horse barn 2. Beef barn 3. Sheep barn 4. Small animal barn
5. Exhibit hall 6. Swine barn 7. Goat barn