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Agency Scoop, Arkansas Foodbank Member Newsletter, is your inside scoop for exclusive dates, information and stories from Arkansas Foodbank members. Distributed monthly, this is our primary contact to distribute information that applies specifically to our members.

Reaching Families Through Schools



The El Dorado School District Food Pantry (Union County) is sponsored by Liberty Baptist Church Association and several churches in the community. The major donors are members from College Avenue Church of Christ, El Dorado First Assembly, and local United Way grant funding. These community partners support the effort of sending food home with students that need it over the weekends, and extended holiday breaks.

Recently the El Dorado High school Thespian troop #42 hosted a one night production and the audience donated canned

goods for admission to the play. Those canned goods were donated to the food pantry to be distributed to students and their families.

Our pantry is managed by two Delta Corp Service members that work in our local Safe and Drug Free schools office. Volunteers of all ages, from our Pride youth team to the El Dorado Connections senior citizen volunteers are welcome to sack food for delivery to our local schools.

Donations in the form of non-perishable food items, personal care items, or monetary contributions can be made to the El Dorado School District food pantry at any time. The El Dorado School district food pantry is available to any student in the district that qualifies for free/reduced lunch; or if their family is facing financial hardship. Families are encouraged to talk with their School Counselor to participate in the program.

Please feel free to contact us at 501-569-8121 if you have questions.

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NOTICE: THE ARKANSAS FOODBANK WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Thursday November 2nd and Friday November 3rd

For pick-up on Monday, Nov. 6th orders will need to be in no later than Tuesday, Oct. 31st.

Thursday November 23th & Friday November 24th

For pick-up on Monday, November 27th orders will need to be in no later than Tuesday Nov. 21st .

There will be no pulling of orders, food pickup appointments or delivery appointments available on the days we are closed.

FOODBANK UNIVERSITY – Upcoming sessions

Below are the sessions coming up the next few months. Refreshments will be served at all Foodbank University workshops. See you there!

To RSVP for our Arkansas Foodbank University session(s) please contact Taryn at thudson@arkansasfoodbank.org or 501-569-4328.

| DATE | TIME | TOPIC | LOCATION |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| October 19th | 9am – 11am | USDA Civil Rights Training | Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209 |
| November 7th | 10am - 12pm | Succession Planning | Foodbank of the Delta 586 Phillips 241 Rd Lexa, AR 72355 |
| November 10th | 8am – 5pm | ServSafe | Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209 |

30 WAYS IN 30 DAYS

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HUNGER ACTION MONTH™ | FEEDING AMERICA

September was Hunger Action Month— Feeding America's awareness campaign to bring together our national network of food banks to raise awareness and fight hunger. All month we highlighted the hunger issues in our state and offered ways you can help make a difference in the lives of the hungry. There are over half a million Arkansans who don't always get enough to eat, which means they sometimes don't have the fuel they need to tackle the day.

Thank you for joining us this September to fight hunger! We were able to distribute **1,990,511 pounds** because of your help!

2017 WARREN - DELIVERY SCHEDULE

October 12, 19, 26 | November 2, 9, 16 | December 7, 14, 21



Thick & Creamy Pumpkin Soup



Served with crispy bacon, this soup will become YOUR new favorite soup!

Servings: 6

Source: www.CafeDelites.com

Ingredients

2 pounds (1 kg) pumpkin, skin & seeds removed, chopped
1 onion , roughly chopped
2 medium-sized potatoes , peeled and diced
1 large carrot , peeled and diced
4 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth (stock)
2 chicken bouillon cubes , crumbled
Salt and pepper to taste (if needed)
1/2 cup half and half (or light cream)
1/2 cooked bacon , to serve (optional)
Fresh parsley , to serve (optional)

How to prepare

1. Place all ingredients, except cream, in a large pot or saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat until vegetables are tender.
2. Take off heat. Using a stick blender, blend until smooth.
3. Add the cream and stir through (do not boil after adding cream).
4. Add any salt or pepper if needed, and serve with bacon and parsley (if desired).



Friendly Reminder

CALL BEFORE ORDERING

Please remember to call and schedule an appointment **BEFORE** placing an order in Agency Express. Failure to do so will result in the order being rejected. To schedule your appointment call us at 501-565-8121.

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