

# Agency Scoop

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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.*

## SNAP Accepted at Farmer's Market's

There are 42 Arkansas Farmers Markets in the Arkansas Foodbank service area that accepts payment through SNAP/ EBT cards (food stamps) and WIC. The farmers markets mostly operate from May to October.

What's so cool is that most of these farmers markets also participate in an incentive known as Double Up Food Bucks

(DUFBs) that makes the purchase of produce more affordable for participants. For example, if a client wants to spend \$15 of their SNAP at a participating DUFBs market, they'd be able to get \$30 worth of fresh fruits and veggies.

In 2008 SNAP's economic impact at Arkansas Farmers Markets was \$2,000 compared to 2016 figures of \$120,600.



That's a huge positive impact for our farmers. The list of farmers markets has been attached. Check out if there is one in your county/ city and pass on the information to your clients, family and friends. Or visit our website [arkansasfoodbank.org](http://arkansasfoodbank.org) for a complete list of participating farmer's markets. <https://arkansasfoodbank.org/who-we-serve/food-stamps-snap-and-the-arkansas-foodbank/>

**Please feel free to contact us at 501-565-8121 if you have questions.**

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## New Staff at Arkansas Foodbank



We are excited to announce our new Nutritionist, Lauren Allbritton. Although growing up a very picky eater, her interest in nutrition and hunger relief began at a young age which led her to pursue her dream of being a Dietitian. She graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition.

After graduating, she served as a FoodCorps Service Member in rural NE Iowa where she helped cultivate a schoolwide culture of health that focused on teaching children how to grow, cook, and taste new foods. After completing her service term,

Lauren moved back home to complete her Dietetic Internship at UAMS/CAVHS. Lauren has a passion for solving hunger and fighting poverty. She is thrilled to become a new addition to the Arkansas Foodbank family and looks forward to advancing food justice because she believes access to healthy food is right and not a privilege.

### 2018 WARREN DELIVERY SCHEDULE

**July** 10, 17, 24, 31

**August** 7, 14, 21, 28

**September** 4, 11, 18, 25

**October** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**November** 6, 13, 20, 27

**December** 4, 11, 18

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Shari Shelton joins us as the Food for Kids Coordinator. Shari earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and has spent the last decade working with domestic nonprofits. She is an AmeriCorps direct and AmeriCorps VISTA alumnus, strong supporter of national and community service, and avid Trekkie.

Shari has lived all over the United States but has called Arkansas home since 2012 and loves the state parks and regional festivals such as El Dorado’s Festival of Quilts. Shari is excited to have a role

where she can have a higher impact in the community and the ability to facilitate lessening the burden hungry Arkansas families face.

### FOODBANK UNIVERSITY – Upcoming sessions

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

To RSVP for our Arkansas Foodbank University session(s) please contact Shamim at [sokoloh@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:sokoloh@arkansasfoodbank.org) or 501-569-4342.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
July 19th	10am – 12pm	Civil Rights & Succession Planning (Classroom B104)	Phillips Community College 2807 Hwy 165 South Stuttgart, AR 72160
July 26th	9am – 11:30am	Financial Literacy By Simmons Bank	Simmons Bank 800 N Arkansas Ave. Russellville, AR 72801
Aug 1st	10am – 12pm	Cooking Matters by: AR Hunger Relief Alliance	Ouachita County Ext. 2708 Mt Holly Rd SW, Camden, AR 71701



## Cooking Matters!



Join Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance at this FREE training and learn how to teach low-income families in your community how to shop for and prepare healthy meals on a budget.

### Conway Regional New Partner Training

Conway Human Development Center  
Thursday, July 12th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

*RSVP by 7/10 or for more information contact Alex Handfinger, [alex@arhungeralliance.org](mailto:alex@arhungeralliance.org) or (501)399-9999*

### Southwest AR Regional New Partner Training

106 E Walnut St., Gurdon, AR 71743  
Thursday, July 19th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

*RSVP by 7/17 or for more information contact Alex Handfinger, [alex@arhungeralliance.org](mailto:alex@arhungeralliance.org) or (501)399-9999*

## Grants: Agency Capacity Building Mini- Grants

Look out for an email next month (August) for the 2018 Agency Capacity Building Grant Application from Shamim.

Each year we are able to award mini-grants to our agencies that support the operations and mission of your efforts to feed food insecure Arkansans. The complete grant application will be due on Friday, August 31st. **Awards range from \$100 - \$2000.**

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Keep up the great work – and remember to send us your pantry/ agency stories. You can email Shamim at: [sokolloh@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:sokolloh@arkansasfoodbank.org)