

Summer Cereal Drive Playbook

Returning Teams



Register Your Team

Anyone can register your team for the Summer Cereal Drive. Team Captains will sign up using on our website. Once you have signed up - you will receive an email with a link to start your fundraising page.



Team Divisions

Division 1 Small Organizations

Organizations with 1 - 50 Employees

Division 4 Community Groups

Church, Civic, Individual, or Family Teams

Division 2 **Medium Organizations**

Organizations with 51 - 249 Employees

Division 5 Youth

Individual division for children between the age of 0 - 18

Division 7 Non-Compete

All groups who wish to raise cereal but opt out of the competition.

Division 3 **Large Organizations**

Organizations with 250 + Employees

Division 6 Education

Schools, Colleges, or School Sponsored Clubs

Collect Cereal

Breakfast items include:

cereal, granola bars, instant oatmeal, toaster pastries, etc.





Collect Monetary Donations with a Fundraising Page

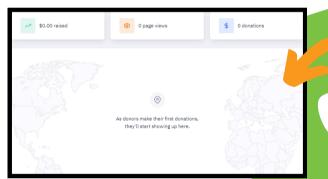


Create and customize your team's online fundraising page. Follow the steps below to set up your site.

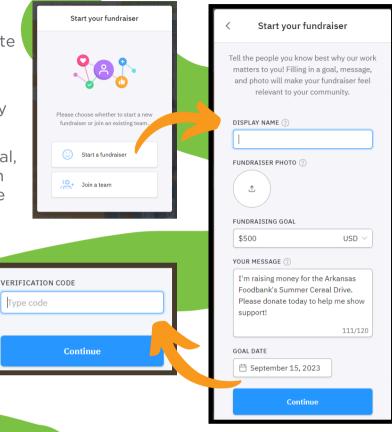
Step 1: Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to create an online fundraising page. Click on the link in the email and follow the steps below.

Step 2: As team captain, it is your responsibility to start your team's online fundraising page.

Step 3: Fill out your name, set a fundraising goal, write a message, and choose an end date. Then click continue. Once submitted, you will receive an email with a verification code. Verify your email and you will have completed your fundraising page registration.



Step 4: Share your team's fundraising page!



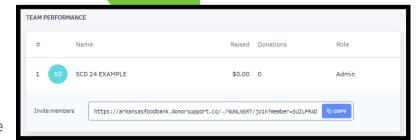
Pro-Tip:

Competition Between Departments

Use the "invite members" link to set up a competition between departments.

Step 1: Send the "invite members" link to the head of each department.

Step 2: Each head of department clicks the link and signs in to start fundraising.



https://arkansasfoodbank.donorsupport.co/-/NUNLNSRT?member=SUZLPRAD

Step 3: Once they are signed in, have them share their "direct link" with all the members of their department.

SHARE YOUR FUNDRAISER

Step 4: Each department's direct link will track that department's donations. You can see which department is in the lead by viewing "Team Performance."

SHARE VIA EMAIL

Boost Your Donations



Word of Mouth

Tell everyone you know (co-workers, friends, family, group members, etc....) about your cereal drive and how your team is participating. This is the best way to spread the word!



Email, Text, and Call

Send an e-mail to everyone in your organization, family, and friends with a link to your fundraising page. Encourage them to forward along for additional support!



Social Media

Create, post, and send invites out via social media. This can be a great, free marketing resource for your team. Be sure to post tons of pictures, and even videos, of your Summer Cereal Drive Team! Tag Arkansas Foodbank and use hashtags for a chance to be featured on our pages, stories, or Facebook Events!

Facebook: @ArkansasFoodbank

Instagram, X, TikTok and LinkedIn: @ARFoodbank

#ARFoodbank #THV11SCD25 #THV11SCD #arkansasfoodbank

Cerealously Creative Teams:

1. Baptist Health

Baptist Health took competition in a competition to a whole new level. Not only did the Baptist Health Departments compete against each other in raising cereal, but they competed to be the most Cerealously Creative as well! Together, Baptist Health raised over 14,000 boxes of cereal in 2024!



2. Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield

The entire staff at Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield got engaged with the Summer Cereal Drive at an incredible fundraising event. Their staff raised cereal, took fun pictures with their cereal display, and of course BCBS mascot, BlueAnn Ewe, was in attendance.



3. Jessieville Lions Club

The Jessieville Lions Club arrived to the Hot Springs Community Site in style in a school bus FULL of cereal. The students filled the bus with hundred of boxes of breakfast items creating a great visual display.



4. Performance Foodservice

At Performance Foodservice departments compete to see who can raise the most money for the Summer Cereal Drive. The winner receives a trophy that was homemade by the Performance Foodservice team. They won a Cerealously Creative Award for their fantastic FBI Wanted Posters - each featured cereal.



5. Bethel Middle School

Hundreds of boxes of cereal were raised at Bethel Middle School last summer. The school promised that the students who raise the most boxes get to throw waterballoons at some of their teachers. The students also made the state of Arkansas out of cereal boxes to qualify for the Cerealously Creative Award!



Drop Off Your Donations



Once you have collected cereal and monetary donations for your team, you can drop them off at the Arkansas Foodbank or at a SCD Community Site by following the below rules.

Drop-Off Rules:

- You must sign-up for all delivery slots. Use the link in the registration confirmation email, or on the website to sign up for a delivery slot.
- All donations must come with a completed Team Accounting Sheet. Find this sheet on the Summer Cereal Drive webpage.
- For monetary donations, including those mailed in, your team must be specified, either through a note or a memo on each check. If your team is not specified, your team will NOT receive credit for the donation.
- All online donations must be made on your team page. If donations are made on the general Summer Cereal Drive donation page, they will not be moved or credited to your team.
- Your team must turn in a completed Final Recap Report at your final drop-off.
- If your team drops off without notification, your team may not receive credit for the donation.
- We will not receive any donations after June 27th.

Items and/or monetary gifts to donate

Drop-Off Checklist:

Team Accounting Sheet					
If it is your final drop-off, completed Final Recap Report					
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Account Sheet Cheat Sheet:

1. Turn in an Accounting Sheet every time you drop off cereal 2. Turn in an Accounting Sheet AND the FINAL Recap Report

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Kick-Off

Friday, May 2

8:45 - 10:00am Kick-Off Breakfast at THV11 Weather Garden

Mini Community Sites

Monday, June 2 Maumelle 6:30-10:00am | Sherwood 11:00am-12:30pm

Tuesday, June 3 Lonoke 6:30-10:00am | Carlisle 11:00am-12:30pm

Wednesday, June 4 Jessieville 6:30-10:00am | Hot Springs Village 11:00am-12:30pm

Thursday. June 5 Clinton 6:30-10:00am | Greenbrier 11:00am-12:30pm Arkadelphia 6:30-10:00am | Malvern 11:00am-12:30pm Friday, June 6

Cabot 6:30-10:00am | Jacksonville 11:00am-12:30pm Monday, June 9 Conway 6:30-10:00am | Mayflower 11:00am-12:30pm **Tuesday, June 10** Searcy 6:30-10:00am | Bald Knob 11:00am-12:30pm Wednesday, June 11

Vilonia 6:30-10:00am | Beebe 11:00am-12:30pm Thursday, June 12

Russellville 6:30-10:00am | Morrilton 11:00am-12:30pm Friday, June 13

Community Sites

North Little Rock 6:30-12:30pm Monday, June 16

Hot Springs 6:30-12:30pm **Tuesday. June 17**

Wednesday, June 18 Benton/Bryant 6:30-12:30pm

Pine Bluff 6:30-12:30pm **Thursday, June 19** Friday, June 20 Little Rock 6:30-12:30pm

Final Drop Off

Team Fundraising Pages Will Be Closed at 12:00pm **Thursday, June 26**

Final Drop Off at Arkansas Foodbank 9:00am- 2:00pm Friday, June 27

Breakfast of Champions

Breakfast of Champions at Arkansas Foodbank 8:30-10:15am Friday, July 18





SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE AWARDS

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS JULY 18, 2025

Division Awards

Awarded to the teams who raise the first, second, and third most cereal in their respective divisions.

Overall Champion

Awarded to the team who raises the most cereal overall, not matter what division.

Snap, Crackle, Pop Spirit Award

Awarded to the team that exemplifies the spirit of the Summer Cereal Drive.

Cheerio Award for Outstanding New Team

Awarded to the new team who raises the most cereal.

Community Partner Award

Awarded to Community Partners who make a difference in their communities by participating in the Summer Cereal Drive. Whether it be attending community sites, donating to the cereal drive, or providing the refreshments at events, we are so thankful for our community partners.

Hall of Fame Award

Awarded to a team, sponsor, or agency who has a history of going above and beyond at the Summer Cereal Drive.

Cerealously Creative Award

Awarded to the team, community site, or shop and drop location with the most creative visual display of cereal. Decorate your office, store, school, boat, or home with signs and cereal - the more creative the better!

- Enter to win this award by posting a photo to social media and tagging THV11 and the Arkansas Foodbank, or emailing the photo to scd@arkansasfoodbank.org.
- The top 5 will be featured in the 2026 Team Playbooks.







How do I donate funds?

A: There are three main ways to donate funds. First, you can donate via a team's online donation form. Second, you can make a check out to the Arkansas Foodbank to the care of your team's name; make sure to include Summer Cereal Drive in the memo. Finally, you can visit a community site and drop off funds with Arkansas Foodbank staff members. All money turned in must be accompanied by a Team Accounting Sheet which can be found at arkansasfoodbank.org.

What counts as a box of cereal?

A: Teams collect nonperishable breakfast items for the Summer Cereal Drive. Breakfast items include cereal, granola bars, instant oatmeal, toaster pastries, etc. Teams are expected to count their boxes before drop-off. To calculate boxes, we use the measurement of about 17-18 ounces per box. In general, defer to ounces per box. For cereal, we typically treat the regular boxes and family sizes as one box but double boxes are counted as two. Mini boxes of cereal do not count as one box unless they are part of a pack.

O: How does \$1.00 = 1 box of cereal?

A: Arkansas Foodbank is a warehouse and distributor of food. At Arkansas Foodbank, cereal is ordered in bulk then hand packed and labeled by volunteers. A box of this hand-packed cereal costs a dollar.

How do pantries get cereal?

Each community site and shop&drop site is paired with a community pantry. When the collection is over, the pantries pick the cereal up directly from the stores. They then can start distributing the cereal immediately. When cereal is dropped off at the Arkansas Foodbank, it is added to our online order system. Pantries can order the cereal online, and it is either delivered to them or picked up by pantry representatives.

How does the audit work?

A: You will use the donation drop-off form to track monetary and cereal box donations. When you drop-off your team's donations make sure to bring the donation drop-off accounting sheet with you. Each time you drop-off, you must turn in donation drop-off accounting sheet. When you are done collecting, and you are doing your final drop-off, you must fill out a Final Recap Sheet. The Final Recap Sheet will include every donation you have received, previous drop-off totals, and the total number of boxes raised by your team. This sheet will be used in the Arkansas Foodbank's audit of the Summer Cereal Drive. If there is a discrepancy, a staff member will contact you.

Who is invited to the Breakfast of Champions?

A: After the final-drop off, the Arkansas Foodbank team will audit all donations and cereal. Though every team is invited to the Breakfast of Champions, not everyone wins an award. If your team wins an award, you will receive a notification.

How do I add my teammates to my fundraising page?

A: Once your team fundraising page is set up, scroll down to the bottom where it says "team performance." There you will see a link to invite team members to your page. Copy that link and email or text it to them.