

Thank you for your interest in engaging youth with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank! Our goal in working with youth is to share information about food insecurity at the local level and educate the community on the hunger-relief resources that we offer in the Greater Pittsburgh Region. Please read the opportunities below and speak with a Food Bank representative about which offering is the best fit for your group.

Field Trip at the Food Bank Facility

Important Notes About Field Trips at the Food Bank

The Food Bank welcomes student groups and youth organizations to the Food Bank. For the safety of the children and staff, there are some limitations and regulations listed below:

- Group size maximum of 50 youth per group per year
- In line with the Pennsylvania State Law, the Food Bank requests a chaperone to student ratio of:
 - 1-to-12 for age groups of 8-13 years old
 - 1-to-15 for age groups 14-18 years old
 - 2 chaperone minimum for age groups under 16
- Donor Partners are given priority when scheduling. All scheduling dependent on staff availability

While scheduling with your Food Bank contact, please review the options below and share which offering(s) you would like for your group. Depending on the group size, the group may be split into 2-3 smaller groups.

Food Bank Tour

- See the Food Bank warehouse up close and learn about how the Food Bank works and why we exist.
- Tours typically take ~20 minutes

Presentation

- Learn more about the work that the word of the Food Bank, our programs, and ways to get involved in our work. Note: this is the same content that is in the pre-recorded presentation on the website, but delivered by a representative in person.
- Presentations often take ~15-20 minutes

Group Worksheets

- On the Youth Engagement section of our website are worksheets that we can facilitate with your group. Each worksheet has a different focus, some centering on common Food Banking misconceptions, others on the tough decisions families may make when facing food insecurity, among other topics. Please let us know if your group has a preference.

Color Some Kindness

- Our Food Bank distributes more than 6,000 Senior Boxes each month to seniors in the Greater Pittsburgh Region. We are able to provide the group with boxes that your group can color on, which will then be packed with nutritious food and distributed to seniors in our region. This program brings smiles to the faces of many and is accessible to groups of all sizes. We can provide the boxes, coloring supplies, and print outs of sheets with ideas for phrases and objects to draw.

At Your Facility

Presentation from Food Bank representative

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- Priority booking for donor groups
- Facility must be within 40 miles of Food Bank facility

Other Opportunities to Engage

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 - **Group responsibility:** Picking up and dropping off the boxes at the Food Bank facility, providing coloring supplies to group
 - **Food Bank responsibility:** Providing boxes, sharing digital pdf with ideas for phrases and objects to draw on the box.

Pre-recorded Food Bank Presentation

- On the Food Bank's website is a pre-recorded presentation about Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and how our work plugs into the community. This is a great opportunity to share the Food Bank mission without worrying about scheduling a visit.

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- On the Youth Engagement section of our website are worksheets that you can print out and share with your group. Each worksheet has a different focus, some centering on common Food Banking misconceptions, others to the tough decisions families may make when facing food insecurity, among other topics. These are the same worksheets that would be offered to groups coming into the Food Bank for a field trip. We recommend pairing this with a group watch of the pre-recorded Food Bank presentation so the group comes into the activity with the lens of hunger-relief work top of mind.

For questions, please speak with your Food Bank representative or reach out to the contacts below:
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