



Food distribution

Find out how food collections and distributions work at WINGS, including where to collect food, key timings, and important processes to help your unit manage meals smoothly throughout the jamboree.

Distribution centre

Keeping thousands of campers fed is no small task! Our Food Distribution Team works behind the scenes every day to make sure food gets from suppliers to your subcamp smoothly, safely and efficiently.

How it works:

The Distribution Centre is run by a dedicated team of 2 managers, 1 special dietary member and small team of volunteers.

- Food deliveries arrive at the centre, where they are sorted, packed and labelled for each group.
- Volunteers helping with food distribution will work from group-specific picking lists, carefully selecting and packing the required items into bags, boxes and crates.
- Distribution managers will provide the picking lists, allocate tasks and supply labels for every container.
- Once packed and labelled, supplies will be delivered to the central collection point on each subcamp, where groups can collect and store their food within their own campsite area.
- Each group will collect the supplies labelled for them. Every box, crate and bag will be clearly labelled with both your subcamp and group name, to ensure food reaches the correct destination, with appropriate portion sizes and to help prevent mix-ups and allergen cross-contamination.
- After unpacking your delivery, please return all crates, boxes and clean bags to your subcamp's designated returns area so they can be reused throughout the week. This helps us reduce waste, lower costs and keep the distribution system running smoothly for everyone.

Why are items packed in smaller portions?

To reduce food waste, many items are packed in smaller portions of 2 or 4 people. For example, a group of 20 may receive five packs designed for 4 people rather than 1 large bulk package.

This helps ensure groups receive the right amount of food while minimising leftovers.

The Swap Shop

The Swap Shop will be open daily and will be your one-stop destination for food swaps, top-ups and changes throughout the week. It will:

- Hold a small reserve stock of key items, such as milk, in case groups run short during the week.
- Stocks specialist milk alternatives to ensure these are available for those who need them.
- Allows groups to swap unopened surplus items for alternatives, subject to availability (for example, exchanging oranges for apples).
- Has a dedicated freezer where groups can re-freeze ice packs. All ice packs must be clearly labelled with your group name and stored in a bag before being handed in.
- May be used to safely store perishable food if deliveries are not collected promptly from subcamp collection points.
- The Swap Shop team are on hand to help with food queries and keeping your group supplied throughout the week. While we can't accommodate every individual preference, we'll do our best to offer suitable alternatives where possible.

Arrival day - Saturday 25 July

To help everyone settle into camp, the Food Distribution Team will take care of all packing and deliveries on the first day.

After lunch, starter packs containing essential non-perishable items for the week will be delivered to subcamps.

From 3.00 pm, supplies for Saturday evening's meal, as well as some breakfast and lunch items for Sunday, will be packed, labelled and delivered to each subcamp collection point ready for groups to collect.

Sunday 26 July onwards

Food distribution is a team effort, and each subcamp will help pack the food for their own groups.

Morning pick & pack

Each morning, subcamps will provide 6 adult volunteers to assist with picking and packing food deliveries. Teams will attend at staggered time slots and help prepare all food for their subcamp.

The activity usually takes around 30 minutes and is a great way to support the smooth running of the jamboree.

Afternoon pick & pack

In the afternoon, subcamps will provide 4 adult volunteers to help prepare:

- Ingredients for that evening's meal
- Breakfast supplies for the following day
- Lunch items for the following day

This session normally takes around 20 minutes.

Session pick & pack example

A rotating rota will be used throughout the week so that responsibility is shared fairly across all subcamps.

Morning:

East Anglia	Will send 6 people at 7:00 am
Kent	Will send 6 people at 7:30 am
Northumbria	Will send 6 people at 8:00 am
Sussex	Will send 6 people at 8:30 am
Wessex	Will send 6 people at 9:00 am

Afternoon:

East Anglia	Will send 4 people at 3:40 pm
Kent	Will send 4 people at 4:00 pm
Northumbria	Will send 4 people at 4:20pm
Sussex	Will send 4 people at 4:40 pm
Wessex	Will send 4 people at 5:00 pm

Subcamp distribution rota

Morning (6 people) afternoon (4 people)	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st pick team 07:00am/ 3:40pm	East Anglia	Kent	Northumbria	Sussex	Wessex	East Anglia
2nd pick team 07:30am/ 4:00pm	Kent	Northumbria	Sussex	Wessex	East Anglia	Kent
3rd pick team 08:00am/ 4:20pm	Northumbria	Sussex	Wessex	East Anglia	Kent	Northumbria
4th pick team 08:30am/ 4:40pm	Sussex	Wessex	East Anglia	Kent	Northumbria	Sussex
5th pick team 09:00am /5:00pm	Wessex	East Anglia	Kent	Northumbria	Sussex	Wessex

Please remember:

- ✓ Only collect food labelled for your group
- ✓ Collect deliveries promptly from your subcamp collection point
- ✓ Return crates, boxes and clean bags every day
- ✓ Store food according to the guidance provided
- ✗ Do not take supplies intended for another group
- ✗ Do not leave perishable food waiting at collection points, subcamp teams may transfer it to the Swap Shop so it can be kept safely chilled until collected.
- ✗ Do not use subcamp fridges for personal or group food storage unless specifically instructed