
Riverdale (can) do it!

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The students of Riverdale High School don't need any mandatory guidelines to help the community. This Thanksgiving, ROTC Master Sergeant Jeff Pick has planned a canned food drive/ turkey drive that will last from Nov. 1 to Nov.21.

This will be a competition amongst the homerooms. Each cadet is assigned to bring in a coat and five cans of food, and if they do then they will get a uniform pass. This means that the cadet won't have to wear their uniform when they are supposed to. Pick said the coats go to the Service Learning Foundation and the canned food goes to the Turkey Drive.

"We usually receive enough canned food to have six complete dinners-including the turkey-for families that wouldn't have a Thanksgiving dinner otherwise, and we give each family at least fifty cans of food every time we do this. The amount of families that we bring these Thanksgiving dinners to will never decrease; however, we would like to be able to help more," said Pick.

After the deadline of the canned food drive/ Turkey Drive, twenty-five cadets will take a bus to the house in need and actually deliver the food in person.

"The canned food drive is definitely a great thing. It gives families an enjoyable and enlightening Thanksgiving dinner they wouldn't be able to afford on their own. It's awesome!" said freshman Olivia Reidl, a member of Riverdale's ROTC.