

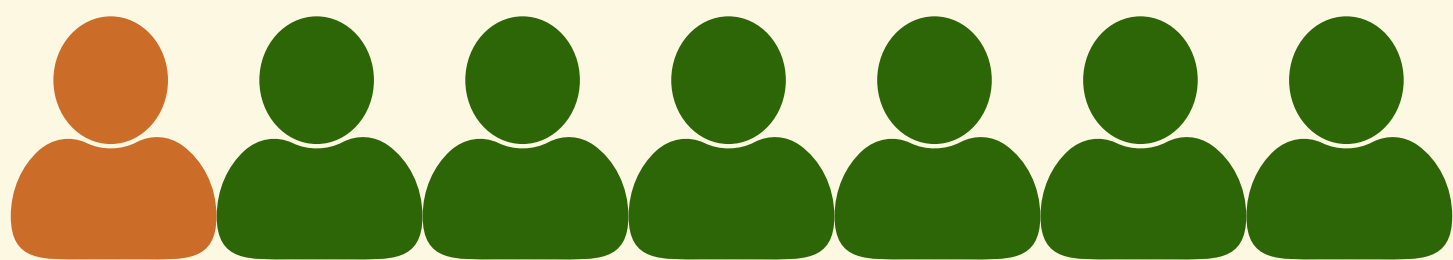
# UF BOTM Club New Member Guide



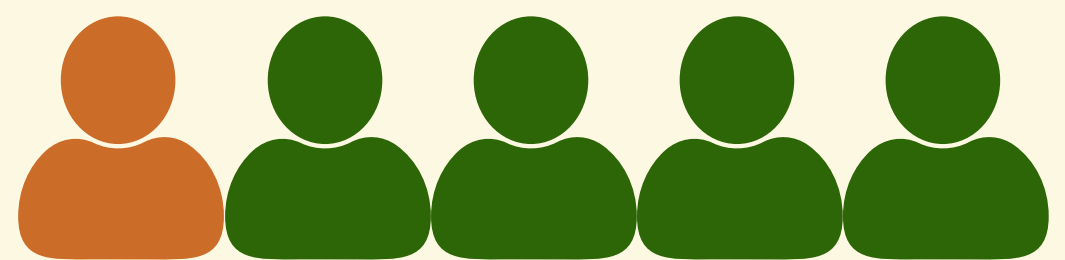
## WHO WE ARE

University Bread of the Mighty is a club that connects UF students to The Bread of the Mighty, the local food distribution organization here in Gainesville. We work to help mitigate the effects of food insecurity, raise awareness about the needs of others, and provide opportunities for UF students to give back to the local community.

## WHY CARE ABOUT FOOD INSECURITY?



In Florida, 1 out of every 7 people face hunger



1 out of every 5 children face hunger

In other words, 3,247,180 Floridians face hunger and 806,870 of them are children. From 2022 to 2023, the percentage of food insecure households in Alachua County increased from 13.6% to 15.2% – that's a 1.6% increase in just one year.

In Gainesville, 1 in 6 people and 1 in 4 kids are now food insecure (2024).

## WHAT UF BOTM OFFERS

- Student volunteer shifts
- Transportation to and from the food bank
- Tracking volunteer hours
- Social events and GBMs
- Leadership opportunities
- Networking and professional development opportunities



## WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

Volunteering works in the following way:

The Bread of the Mighty warehouse hosts volunteer shifts Monday - Friday, at 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm. You are welcome to go to any shift that fits your schedule. There are shift captains for every shift that can give you a ride if needed and will show you the ropes upon arrival to the food bank. UF BOTM selects "official" club shifts each semester based on officer and member availability. This just means a lot of UF BOTM members go on these days and this would be a great way to meet fellow members. If you cannot volunteer during the specific, official, shifts, no worries! Just attend any weekly shift(s) that do fit your schedule.

There is no official application to be a part of UF BOTM, and you will be trained/oriented on the tasks of the shift upon arrival.



## MONTHLY/ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Additional volunteer opportunities include Bronson Mobiles, Tuesday Evening shifts, Health Street Shifts, and holiday mobiles.

**Bronson Mobiles:** Occur on the fourth Friday of each month. To volunteer, RSVP to the event on Flare. Bronson is about a 40 minute drive away, so you will need to drive yourself or carpool with other members. Volunteers arrive at 9am to set up the food and stations, and we begin distributing food to members of the community at 10am.

**Tuesday Evening Shifts:** Occur on the third Tuesday of each month. Same as a Morning or Afternoon warehouse shift, but from 4pm-6pm in the evening.

**UF Healthstreet Shifts:** UF Healthstreet is a community health center that provides various resources to people in need. Healthstreet offers a pantry that is filled by Bread of the Mighty weekly. Volunteers are needed during school breaks (winter, spring, and summer breaks ) to aid in the distribution of food, clothes, and toiletries to community members. Check the Flare for these specific shifts when they become available.

**Holiday Mobiles:** Holiday mobiles occur on various holidays throughout the year such as Thanksgiving, MLK Day, and Easter. They are a great way to get a lot of volunteer hours, as well as give additional support to those in need. Check the Flare for these specific mobiles when they become available.

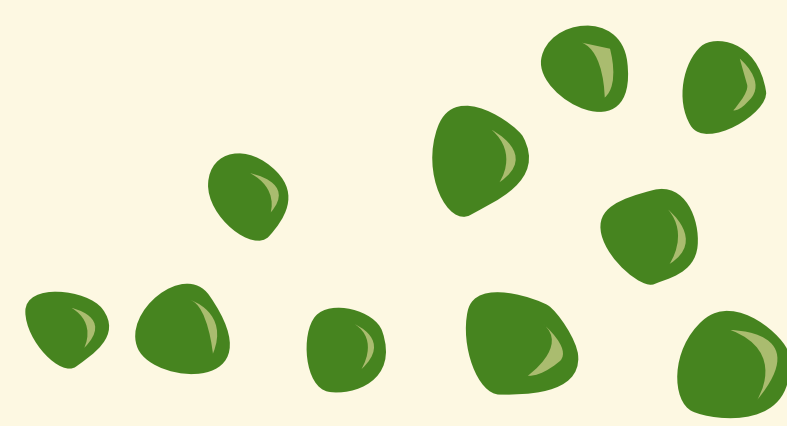
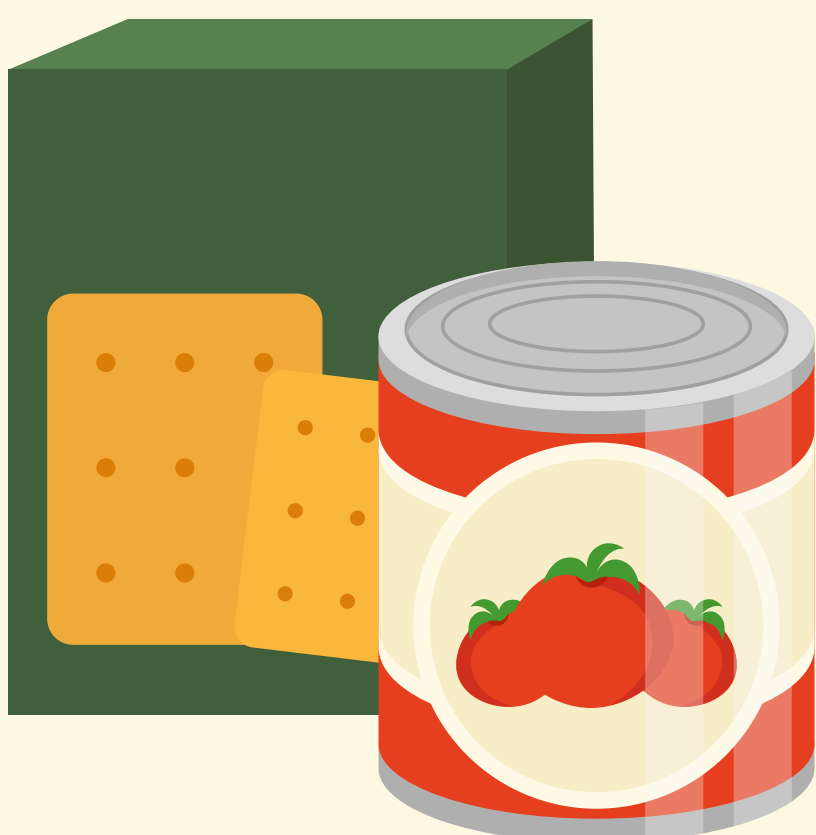


## FLARE, CHECK-IN, AND POINTS

Flare is the communication app we use to send announcements, volunteer opportunities, and general club communication. For most events on Flare, there is an option to RSVP. While this is not mandatory for warehouse shifts, it is highly encouraged for mobiles so we have a better idea of how many people are coming.

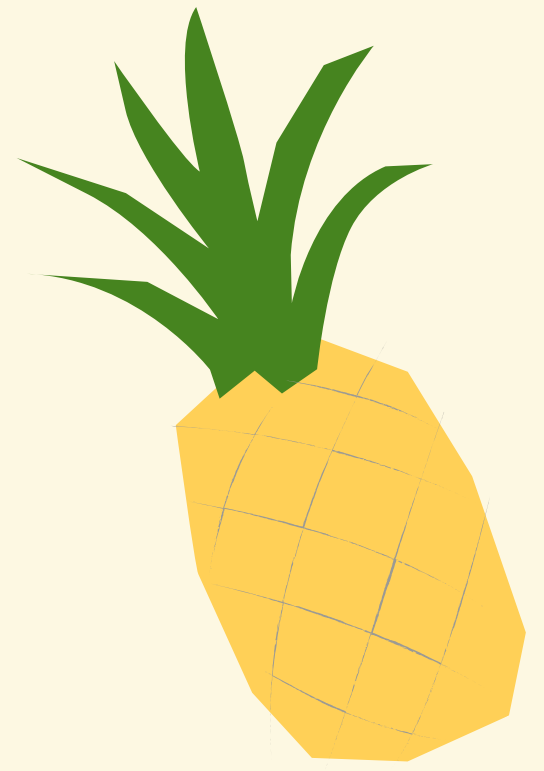
For any shift, mobile, tabling event, or GBM, “Check In” to the event by clicking on the individual event > event settings > Check In. Every event is assigned a point value corresponding to how many hours it is: Warehouse shifts are 2 point/hours, GBMs are 1 point/hour, mobiles are 8 points/hours (even though they do not actually last 8 hours, they count as 8 hours), etc. **THE POINTS WILL ONLY COUNT TOWARDS YOUR TOTAL IF YOU CHECK-IN.**

Your point total serves as your documentation of your volunteer hours, as well as a metric for officer elections. It is up to you to keep track of any unlogged hours. To add hours if you forgot to Check In, direct message Harry Bishop.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

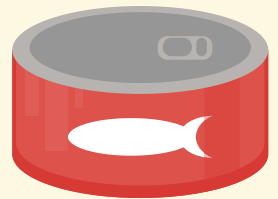


## WHERE IS THE FOOD BANK?

325 NW 10th Ave, Gainesville, FL 3260

## WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A CAR?

On Flare, go to the Carpooling Chat and see if anyone is offering rides for the shift you want to go to! If no one has explicitly offered yet, just ask! We have shift captains for every shift and they would be happy to take you or find someone who can. The food bank is also about a 20-25 minute walk or 10 minute bike ride from campus.



## I DON'T WANT TO GO TO MY FIRST VOLUNTEER SHIFT BY MYSELF. CAN I INVITE A FRIEND?

Yes, absolutely. Feel free to invite a friend to come with you (or make a new friend by asking for a ride in the Carpooling Chat).

## I AM INTERESTED IN LEADERSHIP. WHAT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

**Shift Captains:** A volunteer shift captain ensures that distributions and packing shifts run smoothly, safely, and efficiently. You must be an active member for at least one semester to apply. Interest forms and applications will be sent out at the beginning of each semester.

**Officers:** The officers plan, organize, and oversee all club events and administration. Applicants are elected based on organizational involvement (volunteer hours), a written application, and interview performance. Elections for the following year take place during Spring Semester.

## ARE GBMS MANDATORY?

No, GBMs are not mandatory. They are a great way to meet other members and stay updated on club events, so attendance is highly encouraged!

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO A VOLUNTEER SHIFT?

Wear comfortable clothes you can move in. Closed-toed shoes are required.

## OTHER QUESTIONS?

Feel free to ask any questions in the Flare chats or reach out to any of the officers individually!

