

Region VIII Defense Coordinating Element hosts

2026 St. Patrick's Day Clothing Drive

Thursday, March 12th at 8:00am
Vanover Park, Golden CO
Clear Creek Trail

Join us as we partake in a St. Patrick's Day themed 2.75 mile ruck and donate canned goods and clothing items to the local community through Golden Pantry and Thrift. Arrive at Vanover Park with a ruck/backpack full of goods that you would like to donate.

All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Day Clothing Drive Ruck March

Mission: REGION VIII DCE Conducts food and clothing donation drive and ruck to increase relations with the local community and develop esprit de corps.

DCO's Intent: The purpose of this event is to develop positive relations with the local community.

Key Tasks: Offer donations of clothing and canned goods.

End State: Donations are made to the local community and positive relations are developed

Overview:

Who: Region 8 DCE Core

What: Canned goods/ clothing donations and ruck march.

Where:

Start: Vanover Park, Golden, CO

Turn around: Clear Creek Canyon

End: Golden Pantry and Thrift

When: 12MAR26 @ 0800

Why: To increase relations with the local community and develop Esprit de Corps

Risk: LOW

Timeline:

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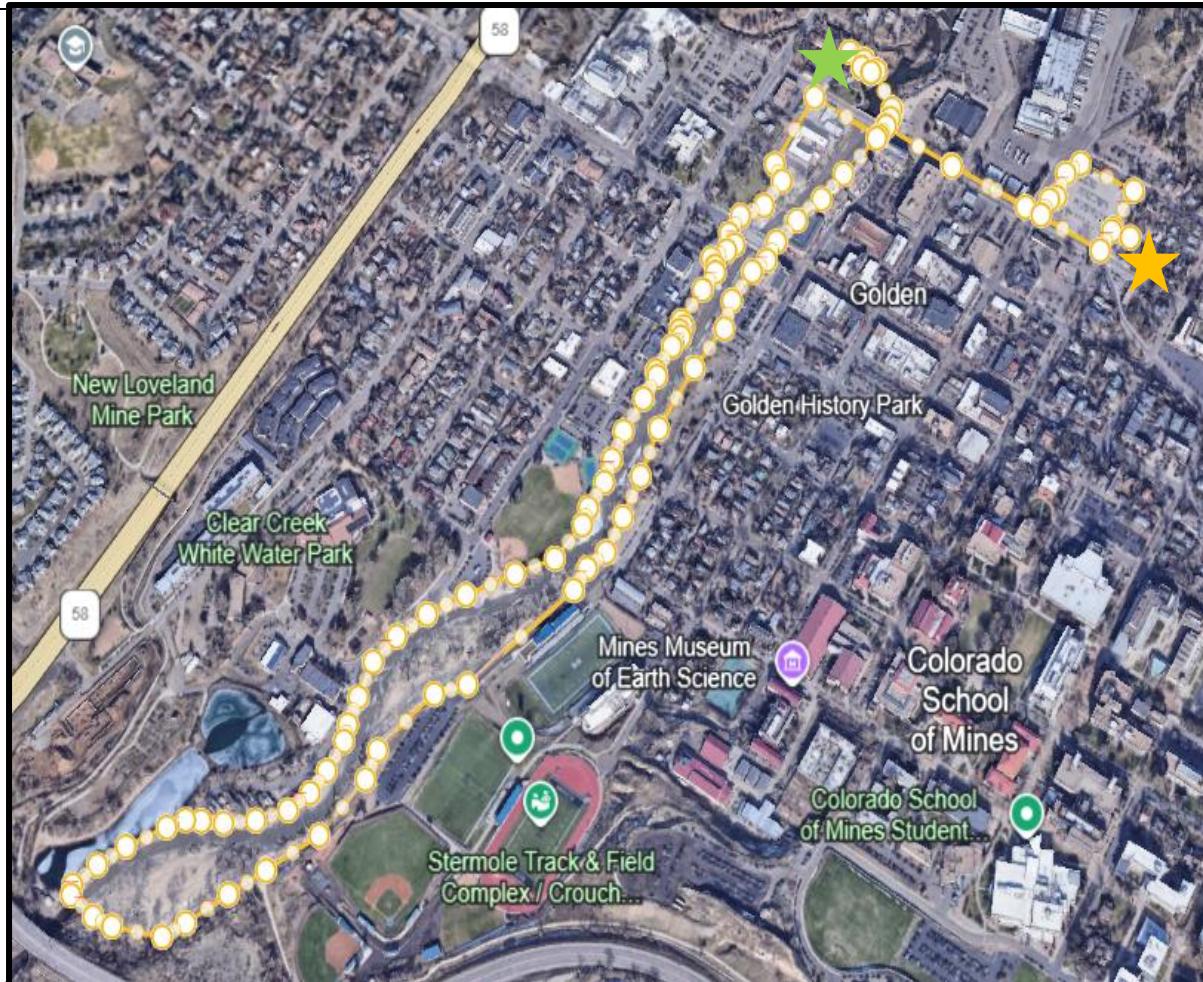
Gather donations of clothing and canned goods

12MAR:

0800: L/U at Vanover Park

0815: Route/safety Brief

0820: SP along route (2.75 miles)



Key Equipment/Uniform:	Key:
Ruck with Donations	Vanover Park
Water source	
OCPS	Golden Pantry and Thrift



Invitees:

Region 8 DCE
School of Mines Army ROTC
Westminster Recruiting Officer
Region 8 REPLO Team
USAF EPLO Team
USMC EPLO Team
CO SEPLO Team

Route Directions:

- Start at Vanover Park (parking lot available)
- Head South on Clear Creek Trail
- Follow Clear Creek Trail SW for approx. 1 mile
- Once Clear Creek trail crosses the river, turn right.
- Follow Clear Creek Trail NE for approx. 1 mile.
- Turn right onto Ford Street
- Turn left onto 14th Street. Pantry on left.
- Donation Drop at Pantry
- Follow Ford Street back to Vanover Park Lot

Desired Donations:

Clothing
Jackets/ Coats/ Gloves
Canned foods
Toiletries
Baby clothes prohibited

OIC: CPT Francemone

NCOIC: SFC Davenport