

**Region VIII Defense Coordinating Element hosts**

# **2026 St. Patrick's Day Clothing Drive**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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

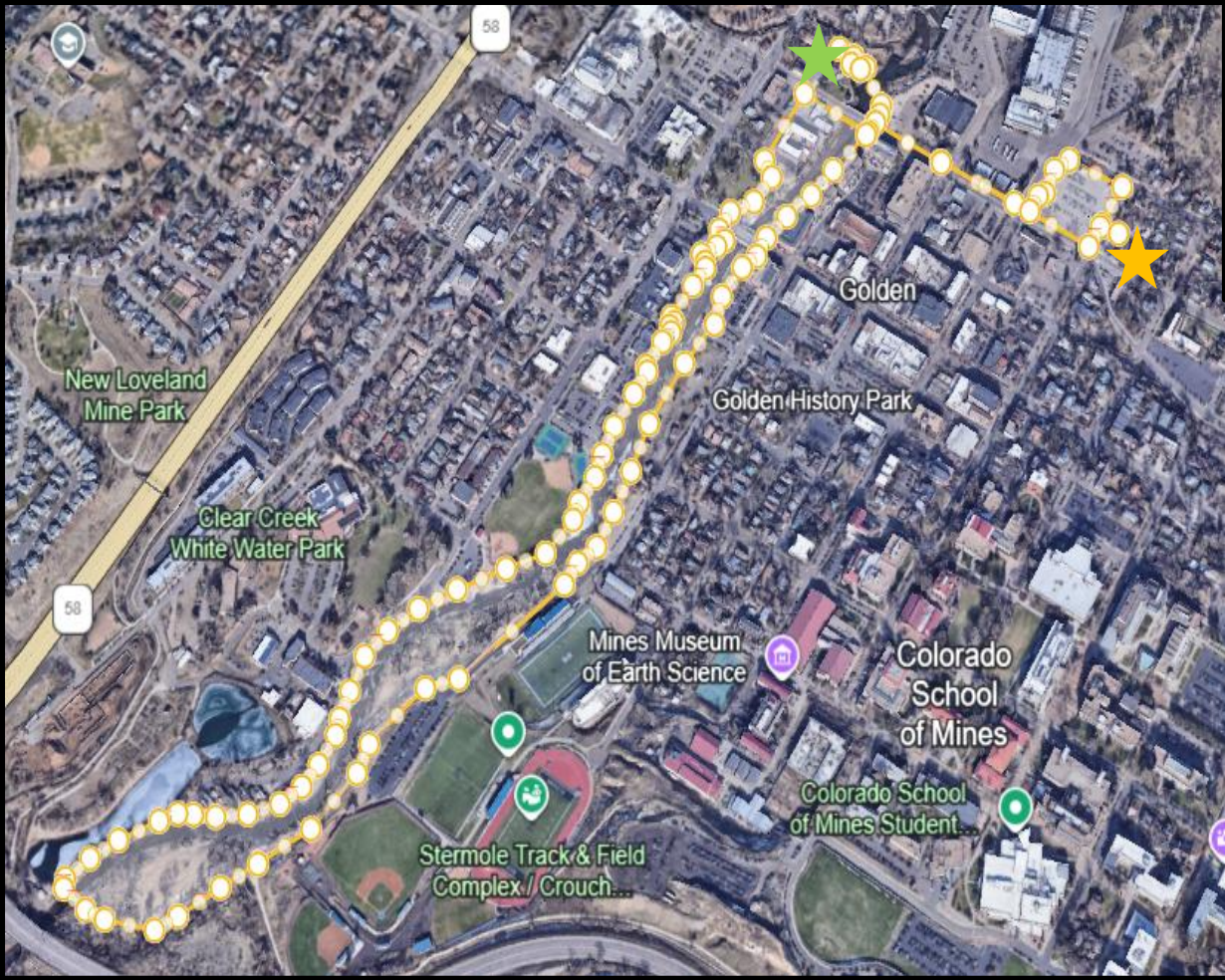
Risk: LOW

**Timeline:**

**28JAN-11MAR:**  
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)

OIC: CPT Francemone  
NCOIC: SFC Davenport



**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Key Equipment/Uniform:**

Ruck with Donations  
Water source  
OCPS

**Key:**

★ Vanover Park  
★ Golden Pantry and Thrift