

Scouting for Food 2008 Unit Information Flyer

Please share this information with all Scouts and Leaders at your next meeting to inform them of the plan for Scouting for Food in 2008.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Step 1: Pick up bags from your district's roundtable meeting, from your district executive, or from the Council Service Center. Be sure to pick up 10 bags for every scout in your unit. These bags will be distributed in your community, filled with food items, and picked up by your scouts and brought to a collection site.

Step 2: Coordinate with your district's Scouting for Food chairperson or your district executive which area your unit will be covering for bag distribution / pickup. This area should be centrally located to your unit's chartered organization or meeting place. Neighborhoods are great, but also include businesses and schools that may want to participate.

Step 3: On Saturday, February 2nd, visit your assigned areas to distribute the bags. Have adults travel with each group of Scouts to ensure safety and be aware of private property. Ask permission before entering fenced yards and do not put the bags into a mailbox. **DO NOT ALLOW SCOUTS TO ENTER HOMES!** Ask each pair of scouts to knock on the door, introduce themselves and explain the Scouting for Food Drive. Inform each resident that they will return next Saturday to collect the filled bags. Then thank the resident for their help and support of Scouting activities in their community.

Step 4: Return to collect the bags from each home on Saturday, February 9th. Be sure to thank each person for their contribution and let them know that the food will go to help the needy in their community. Be sure to send plenty of adults with each group of Scouts to collect the items. A vehicle following the group may be necessary to transport the collected items.

Step 5: Deliver the food items to a designated collection site. If there is a local food pantry associated with your chartered organization, you can deliver your food items to them for use in their efforts. You can also bring the items to the collection site in your community or to any of the collection sites listed on the attached sheet. Scout units in the Knoxville area are encouraged to deliver their items to the Council Service Center between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, February 9th. There are several Food City store locations designated as secondary pickup sites as well. Be sure to count the number of items that you deliver so that we will have an accurate count on the success of the Scouting for Food drive.

Step 6: Complete the attached Scouting for Food collection form and return it to the Council Service Center. You can bring it by the office when you drop off your items, or you can fax it to 865-212-0093.

For more information, please contact your district Scouting for Food chairperson or the Scout Service Center at 865-588-6514.

Scouting for Food Drive 2008

Scouting for Food Collection Tally Sheet

Pack / Troop / Crew Number: _____

Number of Scouts Participating: _____

Service Hours Spent on Project: _____

Number of Food Items Collected: _____

Items Delivered to: _____

Be sure to enter in your service hours at www.goodturnforamerica.org!

Please return to Brian Carl at the Council Service Center. Fax this form to 865-212-0093 or mail to:

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