



Good Turn for America Project 2011: Scouting for Food



WHEN:

Saturday, March 19, 2011 Scouts will distribute bags throughout our communities. Saturday March 26, 2011 – Scouts pick up bags of food starting at 9:00 a.m.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Hunger is a problem we can do something about by working together. Scouting for Food is a starting point. It is an example of Scouting's long-standing commitment to community service.

OUR ROLE:

The Boy Scouts of America will make a difference by organizing a food collection campaign, which helps the needy and demonstrates to Scouts the highest ideals of the Scouting movement through a practical and dramatic experience in the principle of the daily "Good Turn."

WHAT TO DO:

In coordination with the District, Packs, Troops, and Crews make arrangements with legitimate community distribution food agencies that warehouse and distribute the food to the needy at no cost. Emphasis is on non-perishable food most needed for nutrition, such as peanut butter, baby formula, complete packaged meals, and such canned goods as tuna, chunky soups, stews, meats, fruits, and vegetables. (Please contact Aaron Gach at 888-BSA-GRFC if you need assistance with a donation location.)

HOW TO DO IT - EACH UNIT:

- 1) Names a Good Turn for America Unit Coordinator.
- 2) Submit this Good Turn for America Commitment form to the DeVos Family Center for Scouting, 3213 Walker Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544-9775 by January 1, 2011.
- 3) Organizes specific bag drops and collection points and obtains District Committee approval for drop and collection areas to avoid duplicated efforts.
- 4) Picks up food bags at the district March Roundtable
- 5) Distributes food bags Saturday, March 19, 2011 or before March 25th to predetermined neighborhood residents.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGS ON MAIL BOXES!!!

- 6) Collects food items in bags starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2011 and deliver full food bags to predetermined legitimate food banks or pantries.
- 7) Files the 2011 Good Turn for America Unit Report by April 1, 2011.
- 8) Receive special patch for your participation.

QUESTIONS: Call Aaron Gach at the DeVos Family Center for Scouting at 616-785-2662 or 1-888-BSA-GRFC.

2011 GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA COMMITMENT

PACK TROOP or CREW UNIT NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA UNIT COORDINATOR

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____ - _____

Bags requested _____

Our unit will participate in the Good Turn for America Project on March 19 and 26th. We hope to collect _____ cans of food and hope to have _____ (the number) youth from the unit participate.

Clip and Mail or Fax to:

Gerald R. Ford Council, Boy Scouts of America
Attn. Program Director
3213 Walker Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544-9775
Fax 1-616-785-0835

By January 1, 2011.