



2007 Scouting For Food

TO: Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Advisors and Commissioners

RE: "SCOUTING FOR FOOD" INFORMATION

Council-wide response to the "Scouting for Food" Good Turn continues to be very encouraging and most enthusiastic.

The Scouting for Food Good Turn activity is supported by the Bucktail Council, along with local businesses and agencies. This year bags will be picked up on **Saturday, November 10, 2007**. Instructions will be printed on the flyers. Flyers will be available at the October Roundtables.

As in the past, your unit will turn over the food you collect to the local food pantry of your choice. Arrangements must be made by your Unit's "Scouting for Food" Coordinator directly with that food pantry. Contact them now, so that they will be prepared to handle the incoming donations when you take the food to them.

Also enclosed with this letter is a Unit Collection Report that we ask your Unit's "Scouting for Food" Coordinator to complete online at www.goodturnforamerica.org by **November 12, 2007** so we can tabulate the total amount of food collected in our Council. For the online reporting you will need the unit's ID NUMBER and PASSWORD that was supplied in the Procedure for Reporting Service Projects. (Ask you unit leader or contact the Council Service Center.) This will enable us to complete our report and let our local news media know the results of our combined efforts. If your unit did not participate last year, we hope that you will join this year in helping to collect food to feed the needy in our communities.

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of you, your adult leadership, and your youth members in this most caring good turn. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please turn in the attached commitment card on page 5 by September 15th, or call the Council Service Center.

BUCKTAIL COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2007 SCOUTING FOR FOOD

UNIT MECHANICS

Attend the October Roundtable to coordinate with other units in your community to avoid overlapping areas!

All members, both adult and youth, should be in uniform.

Determine an assembly place and time for DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION DATES. (Use your regular meeting place, or another convenient place.)

APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th (IT COULD BE A UNIT MEETING NIGHT):

- Flyers / Bags should be distributed.
- Assemble at the meeting place early enough to brief adults and distribute flyers / bags.
- Have enough vehicles for the number of boys participating, and the area to be covered.
- All boys should travel in groups of two or more (buddy system) with adequate adult supervision.
- Boys should knock on the door and give residents the flyer / bag. If there is no answer, leave the flyer / bag at the door. Do not put the flyer / bag in the mailbox. If you opened an outer door to knock, please make sure the outside door is shut tightly when you leave. Be sure the flyers / bags are secure and will not get blown away.
- Flyers / bags should be distributed to residents only. Avoid businesses or apartment dwellings with "No Solicitation Rules".

Have a plan to remind boys and adults of both the distribution date and the pick-up date (November 10th).

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th:

- Food must be collected beginning at 10:00 a.m. from the same area that you distributed flyers.
- Assemble at meeting place.
- Review plans for the day.
- If there is no bag at the door, ring the bell or knock. If no one answers, go to the next house.

DO NOT ENTER ANY HOMES!! & BE CAREFUL OF DOGS!!!

- Attached is the information on how to report the total amount of food collected by your unit (please use number of items instead of pounds).

Please complete the online form by [November 12, 2007](#). This needs to be done so the Council can report our results to the Northeast Region and local media.

UNIT COLLECTION TIPS

Work in the area where you left flyers only.

Example

If your Troop delivers flyers / bags and the Pack picks them up ...or visa versa ...be sure the same area is covered. In the past some areas were not covered during collection.

Be doubly certain on collection day that all houses have been covered. Have a couple of leaders drive through the neighborhoods after the boys have finished to pick up any uncollected food. Each year food donations have been put outside after pick up times, necessitating special pickups later.

Please read the "Unit Mechanics" very carefully.

If you have any questions, please call your Area's Scouting for Food Chairman, or the Council Office.

UNIT COORDINATOR

- Accepts responsibility for the successful participation of the unit in its assigned part of the Good Turn.
- Secure commitment of the unit leadership and make official commitment.
- Recruit adult help with vehicles for collection day to assist Scouts as they collect food door-to-door.
- Attend the October Roundtable to secure information, collection flyers / bags, and to talk with other local units assignment of collection territory of unit.
- Make arrangements/work with your District Executive/Scout for Food Chairman through phone contact.
- Coordinate distribution of collection bags by youth members to households in assigned territory.
- Arrange for collection of filled bags in same assigned territory on Saturday, November 10, 2007 and deliver the filled bags to a local food pantry.

PLEASE RETURN THE UNIT COMMITMENT CARD TO THE SERVICE CENTER

BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE REPORT AT www.goodturnforamerica.org

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD
UNIT COMMITMENT CARD**

District _____ Pack# _____ Troop# _____ Post# _____ Crew# _____

We would like to receive # _____ of flyers for Scouting For Food.

Approximate # of youth _____ and adults _____ participating in the "Scouting for Food" Good Turn.

The food will be taken to: _____
(Food Distribution Agency)

Signed _____
Unit Coordinator

Signed _____
Unit Leader