



**2012 Scouting for Food Good Turn
 Gulf Ridge Council,
 Feeding America Tampa Bay
 and
 Publix Super Markets, Inc.**

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Important Dates

November

16 Attend orientation training at Scout Service Center at 7:00 p.m.

Roundtable Make sure Scouting for Food dates are on unit's calendar and assign a committee member to be the chairperson of the event. Pick a location for drop-off of collected items.

Receive Scouting for Food Commitment form (see page 11) from units. Visit local news media and make arrangement for announcing and reporting of Scouting of Food events.

December

Roundtable Present Scouting for Food at Roundtable and get cubmasters and scoutmaster to bring a can of food to give to a pantry.

31 Call units leaders who have not made a commitment for Scouting for Food and get them to commit.

January

Roundtable Pick up bags for distribution.

31 Follow-up with those who have not picked up their bags and continue to try to get units to commit to participate.

February

1 - 17 Bag distribution to either the area you have been assigned and/or to the group your charter organization supports (church, club, school, etc.).

18 Collect the bags distributed and turn in the food to designated location. Have media at the collection site to take photos and write-up stories.

18 Turn-in the number of pounds of food collected along with the participation total to the district scouting for food chairperson (see page 14).

20 Pick up collection from the businesses previously identified.

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District Scouting for Food Chairman Responsibilities

- 1.** Prepare Scouting for Food posters, flyers, advertisements, and other promotional material.
- 2.** Get a representative from Feeding America Tampa Bay to make a presentation at the December roundtable.
- 3.** Select a few large businesses from your area and make arrangements for them to have collection boxes at their locations for their employees to make donations of canned goods. Create the posters and boxes for those locations.
- 4.** Recruit scouting units to participate in Scouting for Food.
- 5.** Selected one or more district central location for delivery of food.
- 6.** Recruit four or five scouts to assist unloading vehicles on the date of delivery.
- 7.** Arrange with District Executive to pick up the bags for the January roundtable.
- 8.** Collect reports from those units that participated
- 9.** Turn in report (see page 14) to Walter McKnight by February 20.
- 10.** Follow-up and make sure your units enter their participation on the Good Turn for America web-site.

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Unit Scouting for Food Chairperson Responsibilities

1. Accept the responsibility for the successful participation of the unit in the Scouting for Food Good Turn.
2. Secure commitment of unit leadership and make official unit commitment.
3. Promote Scouting for Food Good Turn in the unit.
4. Determine whether you are going to do a door-to-door collection (which will need to be coordinated with the district scouting for food chairperson) or only solicit family, friends, or members of the chartering organization.
5. Make sure the event is on the unit calendar.
6. Turn in registration form.
7. Pick-up distribution bags at January Roundtable.
8. Recruit adult help with vehicles for collection day to assist scouts collecting food door-to-door.
9. Coordinate the bag distribution.
10. Be at the collection site to get poundage of food collected and participation totals.
11. Tabulate and report total food collections to the district scouting for food chairperson.
12. Report participation totals on the Good Turn for America web site.

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Potential Collection Locations

Brandon, Plant City and South Hillsborough County - Timucua District

ECHO, 507 N. Parsons, Brandon
Springhead Community Center, 3208 Nesmith Road, Plant City
Publix Super Market, 4854 Sun City Center Blvd, Sun City Center

South Tampa, Bayshore, Downtown, Port Tampa Area - Tocobaga District

Metropolitan Ministries 2002 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa
Feeding America Tampa Bay, 4702 Transport Drive, Building 6, Tampa

Northwest Tampa, Odessa, Lutz, Carrollwood, Land O Lakes Areas – New Fire District

Metropolitan Ministries 2002 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa
Feeding America Tampa Bay, 4702 Transport Drive, Building 6, Tampa

Northeast Tampa Area, Temple Terrace, New Tampa, Dade City, Zephyrhills - Allohak District

Trinity United Methodist Church, 33425 State Road 54, Wesley Chapel

Lakeland Area, Bartow - Thunderbird District

Agape Food Bank, 625 McCue Rd., Lakeland
Mount Gilboa Church, 1205 Martin Luther King Blvd., Bartow

Citrus, Hernando, and Sumter Counties – Withlacoochee District

Publix Super Market, 19390 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville
Publix Super Market, 1420 Highway 41 North, Inverness

Winter Haven and Auburndale Areas – Lake Region District

First Presbyterian Church, 104 Scenic Highway, Haines City
Meals on Wheels, 620 6th Street, N.W., Winterhaven

Highlands Hardee and Southern Polk Counties – Calusa District

Hardee Health Center, 713 East Bay St., Wauchula
Heartland Food Reservoir, 227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring

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Unit Mechanics for Those Doing Door-to-Door Collections

1. All units should know their assigned territory.
2. All members, both youth and adults should be in uniform.
3. Determine a time and place to assemble for bag distribution and bag pick-up. Use your regular unit meeting place or another convenient location.
4. Create inserts for the bags (see template on page 12).

Have a plan to remind the boys and adults about participation during the weeks prior to the distribution and pick-up

On the date of bag distribution

1. Collection bags with instructions should be distributed.
2. Have enough vehicles for the number of boys participating and area to cover.
3. All boys should travel in groups of two (buddy system).
4. Vehicles should stay close to the boys as feasible. It is advisable for adults to be on the street with the boys.

On the date of bag pickup

1. Food must be collected beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. in the same areas that you distributed the bags.
2. Assemble at your meeting place.
3. Review your plans for the day.
4. Please look for food bags very carefully.
5. Have extra bags available for those who have lost them.
6. If there is not bag at the door, ring doorbell or knock. If no answer, go to the next house.
7. Do not enter any homes.
8. Know where the collection site and try to arrive before noon.

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Unit Collection Tips

1. Work your assigned territory only.
2. On boundary streets, collect on your side of the street only, unless you are given other instructions.
3. Skip areas with no solicitation signs or controlled areas. Skip businesses.
4. Collection bags with instructions to households should be distributed to all homes in the assigned area.
5. When delivering bags, put them on the door. Do not put them in or on the mailbox, or on any other object except the door.
6. Food should be collected on Saturday 18 February 2012. If nothing is left on the doorstep, knock on the door to see if the household has a donation.
7. Turn in your collected food bags at designated food collection sites at the assigned time.
8. Cub scouts and boy scouts should be instructed to remain outside homes. Do not enter any home to pick up food.
9. Be sure 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 stray bags of food.
10. Be sure that the boys are in uniform and travel in groups of two or more and are adequately supervised.
11. After the collection is completed, enter your service hours into Good Turn for America.
12. If you have questions, please call your district Scouting for Food Chairperson.

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Unit Follow Up

Units may wish to take the time after Scouting for Food to complete one or more of the following project ideas.

1. Spend a few minutes of the unit meeting discussing the boys' impression of the Good Turn. Relate the Scouting for Food to the Cub Scout Promise, motto and Law of the Pack or Scout Oath and Law.
2. Cub Scouts might draw posters showing their part in the project for display at the next pack meeting.
3. Have your Boy Scouts take plenty of action photographs of individuals or the whole unit. Make a picture display of what your troop has done. Then give photographs to the troop historian for permanent storage.
4. Have your pack develop a skit describing participation in Scouting for Food that might be part of your next pack meeting.
5. Plan a way for your unit to continue participating in a local food drive. There will always be a need.
6. Visit an agency who received the food and find out what happens after the food is delivered to them.
7. Volunteer for service projects Feeding America of Tampa Bay or your local food pantry or kitchen.

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Scouting for Food Facts

EVENT	Scouting for Food
	Scouting for Food is a National Good Turn of the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1988 over 200 million pounds of food has been gathered, making this the single largest food collection effort in the history of the USA. Scouts in the Gulf Ridge Council collected over 35,000 pounds of food including over 8,000 pounds in Citrus County. Local food banks and relief agencies within the communities distribute the food. We are the only source for most relief agencies for restocking their shelves between the Christmas season and the post office drive in May.
PURPOSE	Not only does Scouting for Food help feed the hungry of our communities, it teaches our Scouts that hunger is a problem. Millions of people go hungry every day. By participating in Scouting for Food, a Scout realizes that there is a problem and that he can help put a dent into it. Scouting for Food is a great service to our communities.
DATES	From Feb. 1 to 18, Scouts will distribute food collection bags to homes throughout the community. February 18, Scouts will return to the same homes to pick up the donation bags and take them to the designated collection points around the Council service area.
WHO	Every member of the community is encouraged to participate by donating food items to the food drive.
LOCAL HUNGER FACTS	
	Florida has the highest rate of all the 50 states of children experiencing hunger, or at risk of going hungry. (CCHIP, Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project)
	According to the 2002 Florida Statistical Abstract, 56,043 persons under 18 years old in Hillsborough are living in poverty as of 1998.
	54 % of all students in Hillsborough County Public Schools qualify for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. That is up from 51% just three years ago.

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Unit Collection Report

This form should be filled in completely on Saturday February 18, 2012 for any Unit dropping off food at a designated Scouting For Food location.

Please contact Walt McKnight wmcknigh@tampabay.rr.com (813) 545-8323.

District: _____ Unit _____

SFF Location: _____ Staff _____

of Youth _____ # of Adults _____

We would like _____ to receive food collected.
NAME OF AGENCY RECEIVING FOOD INCLUDING PHONE #

Is the above named Agency on Feeding America's Agency List?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ No but would like more information on joining.

Unit Representative Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Signature: _____

Lbs collected by Unit _____

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Unit Commitment Card

UNIT COMMITMENT CARD

Our Unit will participate in *Scouting for Food Good Turn* Approximate # of Bags _____

**(Units Must Turn in Unit Commitment in order to receive recognition
and the proper number of bags requested.)**

District _____ Pack _____ Troop _____ Post _____ Crew _____ Ship _____

Unit Coordinator Approximate number of youth participants _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Account 6932D

Please mail the unit commitment card to Scouting for Food, Walter McKnight
1732 Westerly Drive, Brandon, FL 33511 or email to wmcknigh@tampa.bay.rr.com

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Possible Bag Inserts

See attached document.

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2011 Scouting for Food Unit Participation and 2012 Goals

District	Number of units who participated last year	Number of pounds collected	Number of units who have participated in the past	This year's goal for number of units to participate
Withlacoochee	8	2,480	16	20
New Fire	3	348	19	25
Allohak	14	7,843	18	25
Timucua	49	17,793	55	60
Calusa	5	3,305	9	15
Thunderbird	11	5,015	31	35
Lake Region	11	3,722	28	35
Tocobaga	8	10,087	34	40
Total	109	50,593	191	255

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Scouting for Food District Report

District: _____

Agencies receiving food	Number of pounds

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Motivation Announcements for Roundtable or Scout Newsletters

A Cub Scout promises to "**give good will**" and a Boy Scout promises "**to help other people at all times.**" What better way is there to show our Scouting Spirit than by participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive?

Across the country, nearly 4 million Scouts and adult leaders will distribute and collect bags of food for their local community food banks. Partnered with this new theme, just imagine the dramatic impact Gulf Ridge Council Scouts and Scouters can make on and show to the local community.

Every Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop and Varsity Team, Venturing Crew and Exploring Post can make an impact in Central Florida by supporting and participating in our annual Good Turn. Each year there are three major food drives that support the various food banks in Central Florida. The schools and various charities conduct their drives in the fall to fill the food banks for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas. By February that food banks are empty and need to be replenished. That is where you can help. The final food drive is done in May by the U.S. Post Office to keep the food banks full through the summer.

Can you remember when your mom or dad first took you to the grocery store? I'll bet there was a cart to sit in while mom or dad walked up and down aisles of food, inspecting and selecting just the right box or can and paying for it all with that green stuff called money. Now imagine the Food Bank in your area providing grocery bags of food for the more than 54,000 persons who go hungry ever day in our Council area. Would you not feel better by helping them to have food just like you do?

How can you help? Without a doubt, you can, and it's easy. Make sure you keep the mornings of February 11th and 18th free so you can distribute and then collect the bags of food left on the porches and steps, from around your neighborhood. All it takes is a couple of hours, and you'll have been involved in one of the nation's biggest food drives.

Help us get to the goal of 125,000 pounds of food collected during this year's Scouting for Food campaign.

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Possible Newspaper Article Material

FACT SHEET

ORIGIN

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910 because of a "GOOD TURN" performed by an unknown English Scout for publisher William D. Boyce, who was lost in a London fog. Because of this single act of kindness performed by a Scout who sought no reward other than to perform a "GOOD TURN," millions of youth have received the benefit of a Scouting experience since that time. The "GOOD TURN" has been a Scouting tradition since those early days.

In 1988 the first nationwide "Scouting For Food" collection was held. In that first year more than one million Scouts collected an estimated 65 million items of non-perishable food items. The Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America participated in that first Scouting For Food Good Turn and has been coordinating this excellent community service program each year since.

REASONS

As many as 20 million Americans go hungry at least a few days each month. Of these, as many as 4 million are children. Hunger is a growing societal problem of massive proportions and it prevails in all of our communities and rural areas. Requests for food from needy families in some areas have increased by as much as 50%.

There is a critical need to instill in American youth, of all socio-economic levels, the ethic of service to the less fortunate and to teach them the values related to social responsibility. Through the Scouting For Food Good Turn, these values are reinforced in the more than 13,000 registered Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers in the Gulf Ridge Council.

PLAN

Each Winter, Scouts of the Gulf Ridge Council distributes collection bags for families to place non-perishable food items in. These are distributed in residential areas throughout Hillsborough, Polk, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Sumter, Hardee, and Highland Counties.

On the Saturday following the bag distribution, Scouts return to collect the bags left on doorsteps filled with personal care and non-perishable food items. These bags are delivered to predetermined collection sites in the neighborhood or community where the collection is taking place. Feeding America of Tampa Bay will send out trucks to pick up these collections, take them back to their warehouse and sort them. They will then deliver twice that amount to the charitable pantry or kitchen designated by the scout unit.

OBJECTIVES

The Scouting for Food Good Turn annually gathers of approximately 50,000 non-perishable food and personal care items. This year the goal has been raised to 125,000. The Scouting For Food Good Turn comes at a time of great need; as many food pantry shelves are empty or nearly so. Scouting for Food also creates an indelible exposure of more than 13,000 kids and their leaders to the spirit of altruism and compassion for the basic human needs of critically less fortunate people.

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To provide for our members and the community at large the positive feelings that will be generated by participation in the greatest GOOD TURN ever in the history of the Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America.

GOOD TURN PARTNERS

We are very grateful to our partners in SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Publix Super Market Inc. Feeding America of Tampa Bay, and the various food pantries that distribute the food to the hungry and needy.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTING FOR FOOD IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

The Boy Scout Slogan of “do a good turn daily” is part of an effort to promote a culture of service in our nation. Scouting provides many lessons to our youth. One of the most valued of these is service to others. This annual food drive is one of the best ways to introduce our Scouts to community service. We have been proud to consistently serve the many area food pantries and shelters. Scouting for Food will take place on two Saturdays in February. During early February, Scouts will distribute food bags in a neighborhood of their choice. They return on the Saturday, **Feb. 18, 2012** to collect the donations of non-perishable food items. Each Unit delivers their collection to a collection point from where it is delivered to the various food pantry or shelter. Over the years Scouting Units have exercised a great amount of flexibility in how they execute their collection plan. There are many ways to include this service project into an already busy winter schedule. More information will be available at the Council website and at future Roundtables. You are always welcome to contact Walter McKnight at (813) 643-7343 with any questions. Please join in the spirit of involvement, collaboration, and citizenship exemplified by this Good Turn for America.