

Tips for Running a Successful Scouting for Food Drive

By mid-October:

- Gather unit Scouting for Food coordinator contact information
- Review your unit's current territory assignment – confirm or request changes
- Confirm the current drop-off location (Community Holiday Coalition, LINK, Messiah's Market, Purcellville Collection Site)
- Review the number of bags needed for territory
- Troops should determine whether they want to volunteer at a collection site to help receive and sort food
- Determine whether your unit wants to purchase yard signs, and if so, determine the quantity
- Call Brian Shiflett on 703-405-6341 or email brian.shiflett@verizon.net with the information requested above. Frank Ludlow is co-coordinator: Fludlow@comcast.net

Now through Bag Distribution Day:

- Talk up Scouting for Food with your unit. Take the opportunity to teach the value of community service.
- Bags will be delivered to coordinators' homes in mid-October.
- Print bag notes; Use bright, colored paper. State who you are, what you are doing, what you are seeking, when will you be back, how to contact the pack or troop, and so on. Bag notes can be a recruiting tool. See web site for examples.
- Staple bag notes onto bags or slip one note into each bag; use door knob hangers as an alternative
- Put notices in HOA newsletters one month in advance of food drive.
- Prepare maps of your territory so that each group of Scouts knows where to canvass. Track number of homes on each route. A good rule of thumb is 20-30 homes per Cub Scout; 40 homes per Boy Scout.
- We need 13"x13"x11" milk crates and clean 40"x48" wooden pallets for the Western Loudoun collection site. I encourage all units to put out the word that we need these donations. Brian will pick up any donations.

On Bag Distribution Day:

- Be safe: Pair up Cub Scouts and always have adult supervision. Only enter apartment buildings and multi-dwelling condos if you have the property manager's approval.
- Scouts tie one bag onto door handle for each home in territory.
- Consider using a rubber band to attach the bag to the door handle. This works well on windy days.

A couple days prior to Bag Collection Day:

- Post physical reminder signs at key neighborhood entry points or on community sign boards
- Send email reminders to residents
- Put collection boxes in the community centers -- a great Tiger den project

On Bag Collection Day

- Knock on doors if no bag is left outside (w/Adult supervision) – Scouts carry an extra bag
- Keep a cardboard box in each vehicle for glass items. Separate out glass items at earliest convenience to avoid a mess.

- Sweep the neighborhood again during the afternoon
- Don't forget to check any collection boxes
- Bring food to designated collection site. Units may aggregate food into larger vehicles. Vehicles don't need to arrive at collection site at same time.

No later than November 11 (Sunday after Collection):

- Determine the number of Youth Scouts who participated in one or more Scouting for Food service activities in 2007
- Determine the number of Adults who participated in one or more Scouting for Food service activities in 2007
- If you are interested in ordering District-specific Scouting for Food patches, please determine quantity
- Call or email Brian with this information
- Brian will confirm the recorded weight total for the food collected by your unit

After the Food Drive is over:

- Enter unit results in *Good Turn for America* web site www.goodturnforamerica.org (Asks for hours and counts, not weights)
- Tell Brian if bags counts for 2007 will be okay for 2008
- Give recognition to participating Scouts
- Scouting for Food ribbons for your unit flag will be distributed at December Roundtable.

Brian's Wireless Phone Number: 703-405-6341 (use for collection day issues)

Distribution of Bags to Units

Delivered direct to your home

Scouting for Food Bag Distribution

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007

Scouting for Food Bag Collection

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Collection Site Locations and Hours

Community Holiday Coalition

23430 Rock Haven Way
Dulles, VA 20166-2190
9:00am-2:00pm

LINK

Christ the Redeemer Church
46833 Harry Byrd Highway (Rt. 7)
Sterling, VA 20164-2250
9:00am-2:00pm

Western Loudoun Collection Site

Loudoun Valley Shopping Ctr.
717 E. Main Street
Purcellville, VA 20132
9:00am-12:30pm

Messiah's Market

The Community Church
19790 Ashburn Road
Ashburn, VA 20147-5636
10:00am-2:00pm

For updates, visit the *Scouting for Food* web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~blshiflett/index.htm>