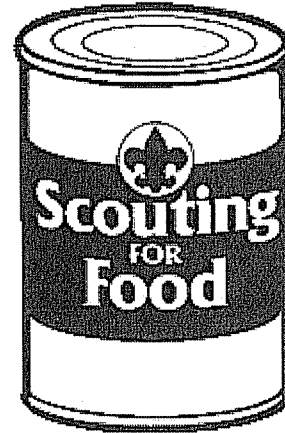


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Dear Unit Leader,

As we approach the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, the BSA is actively encouraging local Scouting councils to participate in the Scouting for Food National Service Project. For many years, some version of Scouting for Food has been conducted independently by many of our units. Numerous area food banks have been the beneficiary of these great local service projects.

This year, we hope to expand these efforts to include every unit, and collect still more food for the increasing number of needy families in our communities. Your council is joining with the Salvation Army throughout our service area to conduct a council-wide Scouting for Food service project in March.

On March 14th, Scouts will distribute notices to households in their community explaining the project and asking residents to leave a bag of food out on the following Saturday morning. On March 21st, Scouts will go through the same area, collecting the bags of donated food and deliver them to food banks in their community. Each unit is asked to track the total weight of all the food collected so we can gauge the success of the project council-wide.

Units who have already conducted their own food collection drive may choose to participate again, or simply let us know about the food you collected and the food bank to which it was delivered. While the Salvation Army will have all its food banks open on the morning of the 21st, units who have a local food bank other than the Salvation Army are encouraged to support them as well.

We hope your unit will join us in this effort. Please take a moment to call Lisa at the council office at 419-207-8300 or email her at lwhisler@bsamail.org to let us know if your unit will participate. We will need the following information:

- unit contact person, their phone number and email address
- estimated number of Scouts who will be participating
- estimated number of bags you will need for the area you will cover
(Door hangers/bags will be distributed in early March to participating units.)

Sincerely,

Ed Mulholland
Assistant Scout Executive

George Arnold
Salvation Army