

Greater Lowell District

# Scouting for Food



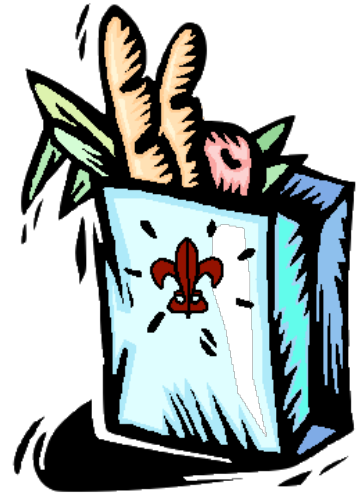
February 7, 2009

Dear Unit Leaders,

You and the youth of your pack, troop or crew are invited to participate in a district-wide good turn:

The SCOUTING FOR FOOD service project.

This annual food drive is promoted by the BSA and has achieved nation-wide success. This year will be especially important as many people struggle through the growing economic crisis - especially in the greater Lowell area.



Local press releases will promote **Saturday February 7, 2009** as the date of the project, but your unit can decide how best to schedule its efforts. You may wish to accept donations throughout the month at supermarkets using a collection box (with approval of the store management) or in one day door-to-door using scout pickup patrols (canvassing neighborhoods with flyers during the prior week). Your unit also decides who receives your collection, whether a regional agency such as the Merrimack Valley Food Bank or a your local food pantry.

February 7 was chosen to best meet the supply shortage that most of these agencies experience following the holidays - you may have seen recent reports that the shortage is already severe this year. It is also Scouting's 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary week - so an excellent time for a good turn!

Materials such as flyers, doorhangers and bags are being planned and will be available in the weeks preceding the project. Most documents will be available on-line at the GLD website:

<http://www.yccbsa.org/districts/greaterlowell/>

To get the most publicity for this project we ask that you provide a final collection report of your unit's accomplishment. If your unit has already conducted a food drive you can send in the results as well. The report, declaring the number of food items collected, the number of participating scouts and the recipient of the collection, should be emailed to [Greaterlowell@yccbsa.org](mailto:Greaterlowell@yccbsa.org).

This is a service project that will directly help many local families and is a chance for our Scouts to see that they can make a difference. Imagine what could be accomplished if our scouting units canvassed the whole greater Lowell area. Plan now to be a part of this good turn and help spread the word of Scouting.

If you need additional information regarding this project or local food agencies please contact Elmer Lyons at 978-250-4029 or [dande\\_lyons@yahoo.com](mailto:dande_lyons@yahoo.com).