

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A HUNGRY NEIGHBOR

Scouting for Food – Journey to Excellence October 24, 2015 – November 7, 2015

With the unemployment rate close to 12 percent in Los Angeles County, the demand for food assistance continues to increase. In 2011 the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank distributed 60 million pounds of food to over one million individuals in Los Angeles County, but more resources are needed to meet the demand for food assistance. Food Bank's distribution volume has increased by more than 70 percent over the past four years at the same time demand at their food pantry agency partner sites has risen by 73 percent.

Let's do our 'Good Turn' and help our community food banks by making this year's effort even more successful than last year. Just under 100,000 pounds of food across the Los Angeles Area Council was collected over last year's Scouting for Food council wide service event.

Scouting for Food allows all Scouts and volunteers the opportunity to participate in a Council wide good turn for the community's in which we live and work. Here's how you can help...

Earn a 2015 Scouting for Food patch for participating in this years food drive. We have past years patches if you've missed picking them up, please contact me.

How does it work?

- Scout Units sign up to participate in Scouting for Food.
- Units choose a geographical area in their community and mark it on the map at the Pacifica Roundtables in September and October.
- Units pick up Scouting for Food door hangers at the September and October Roundtable.
- Members of the Scout Unit distribute Scouting for Food door hangers to the homes in their area on October 24th . This announces Scouting for Food to the homeowner, and helps them prepare for the collection day (November 7th).
- On Scouting for Food Collection Day (November 7th), members of the Pack or Troop return to the homes in their area and pick up the food donations. Other methods of collecting donated food are also acceptable.
- Collected food is then taken to a designated local food pantry or collection point (see list of possible donation sites). Please count your cans or weigh them and place the amount on the attached form.
- The food pantries distribute the food to needy families.
- Report back with your results on the attached form to Priscilla Atwell at the November Roundtable (November 17th).
- All scouts get a patch. If you need more patches let me know.
- Give yourselves a huge pat on the back for all your work.
- If you have any questions please e-mail Priscilla Atwell at fibrfac@gte.net