

***SCOUTING
FOR
FOOD
&
CLOTHING***

**2002
UNIT CHAIR'S
MANUAL**

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE SCOUTING FOR FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

The annual *Scouting for Food and Clothing* drive is a community good turn day. Through the collection of food and clothing, less fortunate families are provided a brighter tomorrow. This is accomplished through the commitment of thousands of volunteers that reach out and assist those in need. This seed of helpfulness to others may then blossom and positively affect future generations and countless lives. The purpose of the drive is to collect clothing for Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries, which helps the organization to provide job training for individuals with disabilities and other special needs. Food is collected for the foodbanks supported by the FreeStore/FoodBank, Shared Harvest Foodbank, the Emergency Food Center, and the Brighton Center. Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, volunteer leaders and partner organizations provide the support for the annual event, which helps to instill the concept of community service.

The drives has had over a 40-year tradition of service provision in the Greater Cincinnati area.



SCOUTING'S GOOD TURN TRADITION

The community good turn will continue this year with the Scouting for Food and Clothing Drive. The drive helps to provide for the needs of the disabled and less fortunate in Southwestern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. **The drive will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2002 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, Venture Crews, Explorer Posts, Varsity Teams and American Heritage Girls will work together for door-to-door collection of donated items. The Food and Clothing Drive will provide resources needed for Goodwill Industries, the FreeStore/FoodBank, Shared Harvest, Emergency Food Center and the Brighton Center to continue to provide their services throughout our community. Community partners in the drive include the Cincinnati Enquirer, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Kroger, WLW 700, 12 WKRC-TV and others.

The Scouting For Food and Clothing Drive Kick-Off Meeting will be held at February Roundtables. The Scouting for Food and Clothing Drive Chairmen for each District, the Captain for each Unit, and all other adults involved should attend this meeting. District maps will be available to assign streets and areas.

In order for the food and clothing items to be effectively collected and delivered to those agencies for distribution, your Troop or Pack's help is urgently needed. When you are contacted by your District's Scouting for Food and Clothing Chairman, please respond with an enthusiastic yes to participate in this year's drive. **Specific information, instructions and collection territories will be discussed at a meeting held in conjunction with your March Roundtable.** Thank you in advance for your commitment to the Scouting for Food and Clothing Drive.

There should be one Scouting for Food & Clothing Drive Chairman per unit

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YES, OUR UNIT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2002 SCOUTING FOR FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

District _____ Pack /Troop /Post/Crew (Circle One) # _____

Unit Captain _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____

Estimate # Youth _____ Adults _____

PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 15, 2002

Mail to: Dan Beard Council, BSA, 2331 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206-2865 Phone: (513) 961-2336

2002 Scouting for Food & Clothing

Master Schedule

December	District Scouting for Food and Clothing Chairman Briefing
January	Unit contact begins
February	District Kick-Offs at Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slow Vehicle Signs, Bookmarks and Flyers Distributed• Maps distributed All names, addresses, and phone numbers of Unit SFCD Chairman due to the Council Service Center.
March Roundtable Clothing	Boy Scouts & American Heritage Girls District Scouting for Food & Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final instructions
April 14	Collection of food and clothing begins at 1:00 p.m. Each unit should meet at noon to organize their drivers and Scouts. The items will be taken directly to a District load point for sorting.
April 24	Final turn in date for all units to turn in the participation reports.
May 8 & 9	Distribute recognition items to units at Roundtable.

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Instructions for Unit SFCD Chairmen

TRAINING

Training will be conducted at the February Roundtables. Maps of your assigned areas will be finalized.

BAG DISTRIBUTION

Bags will be printed and inserted into the Sunday edition of The Cincinnati Enquirer on Sunday, April 7. Where possible, bags will be available for distribution in community newspapers as well. Flyers will also be printed and given to units for door to door distribution by the Scouts the week before the drive.

COLLECTION (April 14)

Assemble at your "headquarters" before 1:00 p.m. and review plans.

Call in to District Headquarters to report you are beginning the drive.

Food and clothing must be collected from the public between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14.

Collect bags and labeled items only in your assigned area.

Drive through the area one last time to pick up any missed food and clothing.

Reassemble your unit at "headquarters" to haul food and clothes to the District load point. Please bring all collected goods to the load point by 4:00 p.m.

Check with District Team to see if you can be of any further assistance.

Mail your unit's participation report to Scout Center by April 24. Recognition items will be given at May Roundtables.

Scouting for Food & Clothing
April 14

Unit Presentation Outline

This outline is suggested for unit meetings in February or March to help Scouts understand both the “how and why” of the Scouting for Food & Clothing effort.

I. History of Good Turns

- A. Good Turns through the years
 - 1. Vegetable gardens and war bonds - WWI
 - 2. Scrap drives - WWII
 - 3. Get out the vote - 50's and 60's
 - 4. United Clothing Drive for 37 years - 1951 to 1988
 - 5. Scouting for Food & Clothing - 1989 to present
 - 6. In 2001 the amount collected was 62,000 lbs. of food and 568,000 lbs of clothes.

II. Scouting for Food & Clothing

- A. Evolved from the clothing drive for Goodwill
- B. Today assists Goodwill, FreeStore/FoodBank, Shared Harvest, Brighton Center and Emergency Food Service

III. The Scouts Role

- A. Pass out promotional materials door to door to advertise the event the weekend prior to the drive.
- B. Pick-up bags on Sunday, April 14 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wear your uniform.
- C. Take goods to District load points.

NOTE: Add details as needed for your individual unit.

IV. Recognition

- A. Even though the best reward in doing a Good Turn is the Good Turn itself, recognition will be made to participating Scouts.
 - 1. A coupon for a “Big Boy” sandwich at Frisch’s
 - 2. A Scouting for Food & Clothing Drive patch
- A. Thousands of Tri-State individuals are helped by the drive in every area of Dan Beard Council.
 - 1. The FreeStore/FoodBank, Shared Harvest, Emergency Food Service and the Brighton Center provide a variety of services for the needy. The food is distributed right here in our community to the hungry.
 - 2. Clothing is used by Goodwill Industries to provide jobs and job training to disabled individuals.

V. Our Goal - 100% Participation

SCOUTING FOR FOOD & CLOTHING

SAFETY FIRST

“BE PREPARED”

BEFORE THE EVENT:

- Review all Safety Regulations with each adult and boy participant.
- All Scouts should be in uniform for identification to the public.
- “Slow Vehicle” signs should be placed inside rear window of vehicle.
- Drivers should be familiar with assigned areas. They should also have the headquarters phone _____.
- Be sure there are enough vehicles for all participants **and** food and Clothing. A seat belt must be provided for each rider.
- Unit Captains should call in to report to District Headquarters that you are beginning the drive.

DURING THE EVENT:

- Work only assigned areas, including your side of border streets.
- Use the Buddy System. Scouts must travel and approach residences in groups of two. Under no circumstances should a Scout enter a home or apartment building.
- Vehicles stay within sight of the Scouts at all times.
- Avoid businesses and apartments with no solicitation rules without prior permission
- Do not approach any residence where there is the possibility of contact with dogs or other animals.
- Handle all donations carefully.
- Use caution when crossing all streets.

WHILE IN TRANSIT:

- Every rider must use a seatbelt.
- No person is to ride in the bed of any pick up truck, including those with caps.
- No person is to ride on tailgates or near open van doors.
- A minimum of 2 adults for each Scout group during the activity is required.

2002 Scouting for Food & Clothing Participation Report

Cub Scout Pack # _____ Explorer Post # _____ District _____

Boy Scout Troop # _____ American Heritage Girls Unit # _____

Number of Youth Participating

Number of Adults Participating

Total

One participation patch and one coupon for a "Big Boy" sandwich will be allocated for every participant. Awards will be distributed at the April Roundtables.

Your thoughts and comments about the drive are appreciated.				
Overall Response	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Materials	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Coordination w/others	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Media / PR	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Comments / Suggestions: _____				
SFCD Unit Captain _____			Phone _____	

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- Turn in only one report per unit.
- This report is due by April 24, 2002 to your Council Service Center.

Fax to 513-961-2688 by April 24
OR
Mail to: Dan Beard Council, 2331 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206-2865

**Scouting for Food & Clothing
Kick-Off**

Materials Needed:

- Unit information Packets (one per unit)
Including: Overview
Schedule
Instructions
Safety Notes
Unit Presentation
Participation Report Sheet
- District and Unit Maps
- Refreshments

AGENDA

- 7:00 Opening and Welcome
- 7:05 Good Turn History
- 7:10 Explanation of Recipient Agencies
- 7:15 Participation
- 7:30 Map Assignments
- 7:40 Load Points
- 7:45 Recognition
- 8:00 Questions and Answers
- 8:10 Distribute Materials