

Gulf Coast Council BSA

Scouting for Food Letter

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"Scouting for Food" is a Boy Scout activity involving both Scouts and Scout Leaders working to feed the underprivileged in the community by applying non-perishable food items to local pantries. This year's theme is "Strong Youth, Strong Values, Strong Community"

Now is the time to start planning for a Good Turn for America project that the Gulf Coast Council supports, **Scouting for Food 2012**. This year the bags will go out on Saturday, February 11 and will then be picked up on Saturday, February 18. The Gulf Coast Council will try to top 100,000 units of food collected council-wide.



The food your unit collects can be taken to any pantry or food bank of your choice. We will be making available a list of pantries that will be open on Saturday, February 18, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. The information on patches, ribbons, bag notes, and general "Scouting for Food" information will be issued over the next couple of months at the roundtables.

Ribbons and patches can be earned by the participating units based on the number of active boys in the unit and the number of food items collected. Your District "Scouting for Food Chairman" will be providing further details next month.

We will be utilizing the Tally Form to document the number of items collected. The Tally Form will be collected at many of the area pantries and patches/ribbons' will be distributed once you register your service hours with Scouting's Journey To Excellence. All Tally Forms must be turned in or faxed in by Friday, February 24, 2012 for the unit to be eligible for ribbons.

Your "Scouting for Food" District Chairman will be calling you no later than January to answer your questions and to give you additional information. Please tell them that your unit wants to help with this wonderfully worthwhile Scouting for Food project!

Yours in Scouting,

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