

SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2004

WHAT IS IT: Each year the 85,000 youth from the National Capital Area Council's 1730 Troops, Packs, and Crews throughout the Washington area distribute plastic bags to neighborhood homes requesting donations of non-perishable, canned food for the needy. Last year over one million pounds of canned food was collected.

WHEN IS IT: Bags are distributed Saturday November 6*.
Bags are picked up Saturday November 13.

* If you are going on the November 6 Bike Trek you will have to distribute your bags earlier or later.

WHERE TO TAKE COLLECTED FOOD: Please bring all collected food to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church **BY NOON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13.** Place items by the covered parking lot entrance, near where the elevator is. Please keep items from obstructing access to the doors.

GOAL: Three bags per Scout minimum. Collect as much as you can – it will be greatly appreciated by the area's hungry.

WHERE TO GET BAGS: If you did not get your bags at the last Troop meeting, you can pick them up at the covered front door of Mr. Rose's home at 8026 Ellingson Drive, Chevy Chase. Also pick up some of the paper notes that can be attached to the bags to personalize the solicitation. Take East West Hwy toward Silver Spring. Pass Beach Drive and take the 3rd Right onto Ellingson Drive. 8026 is in the 4th block on the Right.

Scouts' 'extraordinary act' helps county's neediest

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On Nov. 16 in the cold and the rain, an extraordinary act of public service was accomplished by a band of young Montgomery County men.

Troops of Montgomery County Boy Scouts went from door to door in the cold drizzle collecting food donations for the hungry. The food was taken to central sites where dedicated leaders and Scouts spent the entire day in the cold putting cans and boxes of food into milk crates to fill the trucks or organizations such as ours that serve the needy.

Even if the collection had been small our admiration and gratitude would have been great. But the amount of food brought to the sites where the Manna Food Center was the beneficiary was 58 percent higher than the highest amount the Scouts have ever brought us.

Because of the Scouts' gallant effort in circumstances of adversity, the community was able to give Manna 120,000 pounds of food to distribute to the needy.

On behalf of the record number of families Manna is serving, the Scouts have our deepest thanks.

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