



- What:** Scouting for Food is the largest single-day food collection event in Dallas and one of the largest in the nation. On one day, approximately 15,000 Scouts go door-to-door collecting non-perishable food items for the less fortunate. The food is distributed to local food pantries across Circle Ten Council.
- Who:** In 2011 Packs, Troops, and Crews participated in Scouting for Food and collected 444,894 items of food.
- When:** During the month of February food will be collected at local Tom Thumb locations. Food bags will be distributed on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> by Scouts throughout the community. Food will be collected from residences starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Starting at 10:00 a.m., several Plano and Dallas Tom Thumb locations will serve as drive through/ drop-off locations for food donations. The Tom Thumb stores located at **3100 Independence Parkway**, **4836 West Park Boulevard**, **3945 Legacy**, **2200 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street**, and **7700 Northwest Highway** will each have Boy Scouts present to take customer donations from their cars.
- Where:** Each district in Circle Ten Council will conduct their community service projects by placing a food bag on every doorstep within our territory. Many units have had success collecting food in other ways. Get creative and see how much you can help your local food pantries. (charter partner food drives, door to door collection, etc.)
- Why:** Since the BSA's inception in 1910, members have learned to live the principles of the Scout Oath and Law through community services and "helping other people at all times." With that history in mind, this is an ideal time for Scouts to help supply the severely depleted food banks in our communities.
- How:** Local Scouts will distribute the bags and then pick them up after they are filled. Scouting for Food not only helps feed the hungry but also helps young Scouts experience the positive feeling of performing a "Good Turn".
- Collection Goal:** The goal for the 2012 Scouting for Food Drive is to engage every unit to participate. Set a goal for your unit and do your best to beat that goal. (ex. My unit will collect 100 more cans of food than last year. or Each Scout is going to collect 100 cans of food in my unit. ) You might even challenge your charter partner to get behind your food collection.
- Food Donation:** Easy to prepare, non-perishable canned items with a high nutritional value such as meats, vegetables, soups and peanut butter.
- Sponsors:** **Tom Thumb** is the official sponsor of the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Scouting for Food Drive. Media sponsors for the 2012 food drive are *The Dallas Morning News* and *WFAA*.
- Inception:** Tom Thumb has sponsored Scouting for Food since its inception in 1988. This food drive has collected over 9.7 million cans of food for North Texas food banks.
- Web Sites:** Circle Ten Council: [www.circle10.org](http://www.circle10.org) and your District website.
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