

Scouting for Food™ seeks Grocery Donations for Central Oregon's Needy

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Just in time for the holiday season, Central Oregon Boy Scouts will collect the fixings for meals for hundreds of needy families during their annual "Scouting for Food" event. Their goal is to surpass the 11,000 pounds of food collected at last year's event.

On Saturday, November 11 throughout the region, hundreds of Scouts will distribute empty grocery bags donated by Albertson's. Residents are asked to fill the bag with non-perishable food items and leave them on their porch for pickup on Saturday, Nov. 18. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day, Scouts will comb the region "Scouting for Food."

After collection, Scouts will take bags to the Bend Albertson's store on South Highway 97, where they will be loaded into a Salvation Army truck. Food will then be delivered to the Salvation Army facility in Bend and FISH food bank in Redmond for distribution to needy families.

Area scout executive Jared Vanderhoff said community members who do not receive an empty bag can donate by contacting the Salvation Army (900 SE Wilson Suite H) or Redmond FISH (536 SW 10th St.) directly.

Similar efforts take place on the same dates in Prineville, LaPine, and Madras, with collected food going to local food banks in those communities.

Nationally, over four million Scouts and adult volunteers are involved in the effort. More information is available by calling the Scout office at 382-4647 or visiting www.craterlakecouncil.org/fremont.

Who are Central Oregon's Boy Scouts

The largest civic leadership training, conservation and community service group in the region, Fremont District of the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America serves over 1,600 boys and young men and women age six to 18 in Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture, and Varsity. Scouts and almost 500 volunteer leaders provide over 380,000 hours annually of community service, leadership training, emergency medical response training, environmental restoration, disaster preparedness and assistance to citizens of the three-county region. The Fremont District serves Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties.