Scouts food pickup: 11,000 pounds & counting

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With Sisters Boy Scouts yet to complete their "Scouting for Food" good turn, it appears the region's generosity will surpass last year.

Scout executive Jared Vanderhoff says, "All towns have reported and our total comes to 11,000 pounds of food donated so far, but we will end up ahead of that because Sisters Scouts are doing a food drive with their sponsoring organization later this month. They expect to do about 1,000 pounds.

"I think it is safe to say that when all is said and done we will have collected 12,000 lbs. I sure wish it was more. We'll work on that for next year."

On Saturday, November 18, area Boy Scouts collected filled grocery bags from front porches throughout the region. Donated food was shipped to social-service agencies and food banks in each area for distribution this holiday season to needy families.

Nationally, over four million Scouts and adult volunteers are involved in the "Scouting for Food" 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.