

Good Turn for America

Scouts across in council were involved in the Scouting for Food Good Turn earlier this year. If your unit has not reported your results on the Good Turn for America Web site, please do so. The National office also wants to know what your unit did. To tell the story of how your den, pack, patrol, troop, team, or crew is contributing to this effort, log onto www.goodturnforamerica.org.

Since the Good Turn for America data collection Web site was launched, the national office has been improving the process to make it more user friendly.

Once you log on, click on "Tell Us About Your Project" and follow the instructions. You will need to enter your unit's unique Good Turn for America ID and local unit number. If you do not know your unit's ID number, please contact the Council Service Center.

Information that you will be asked to input includes:

1. Date of the project.
2. Number of Scouts participating.
3. Number of non-Scouts participating (e.g., brothers, sisters, friends)
4. Number of adult leaders participating.
5. Number of other adults participating in the project.
6. Total hours members and non-members worked on the project.
7. Organization with which your unit partnered on the project.
8. Who or what organization benefited from the project.
9. If the project included collecting items, record the number of items collected.

After entering the data, your unit will be eligible to receive the Good Turn for America patch and year segment, which can be purchased at the Council Scout Shop in Decatur.

You can enter service projects throughout the year, so don't forget to enter all your unit's service projects, no matter how big or small.

Types of service projects to report: Scouting for Food, Eagle Scout projects, service projects for rank advancement, work done for chartered organizations, helping a service club, doing a service project for our camp, collecting clothing for the needy. Look around in your neighborhood and community to see what needs to be done. Remember to "Do A Good Turn Daily."

It's Fun to Be a Boy Scout

You will find fun and adventure in Scouting - lots of it! There is fun in hiking along the open trail, pack on your back, with your best friends at your side, not knowing what new adventures may await around each bend in the road. There is fun living on your own in the open, sleeping in a tent which you have pitched, eating meals which you have prepared. When the day is done, and the sun has set, there is fun and fellowship awaiting as you sit around the camp fire and swap stories of camping trips gone by, or plan greater trips to come.

It's fun to be a Scout - to go hiking and camping. But Scouts have fun at home too. You will have regular troop and patrol meetings, when you will come together with

your best friends to learn skills that will help you become a better camper, a better outdoorsman. This is the time when you prepare for bigger and better hikes and camping trips - when you will learn some of the tricks which will make camping easier. You will find out how to use a compass, and read a map; how to send a message in code; how to tie the knots you will need to know to pitch your tent, build a bridge, or make a home-made shelter. You will learn first aid; how to use your axe and knife; how to build a fire and cook a meal; how to pack a knapsack or pack board; and all the other skills that are a part of living in the open.

There is no end to the fun and adventure in Scouting. It's fun to be a Scout.



Does this sound familiar? Our promise to boys is that they will have fun being a Boy Scout. The above statement is from a small brochure, *It's Fun to Be a Scout*, given to new Scouts in 1948. Since 1910 we have been promising fun and adventure to youth. Are you keeping the promise?

