



Ramapo Valley District *Scouting for Food* **Saturday, March 11, 2017**

Each day, families in our area struggle to put food on the table. Parents skip meals so their children can eat; seniors must choose between buying groceries or the medication they need; children go to bed hungry. We need your help to assist these families in our communities. We are asking every Pack, Troop and Crew in our District to participate in this year's Scouting for Food Service Project.

Scouting for Food is BSA's annual food drive. As a District, we coordinate this large effort, however, your Unit may choose to participate more often. Through a generous donation from Shop Rite (the Wakefern Corporation), printed plastic supermarket bags are available for each unit. Bags and instruction sheets are available now from the NNJC office. Each Scout should visit 10 homes in their community and distribute bags to their neighbors on or about March 4th. The Scout should then return on March 11th to collect the food bags. Scouts should be in uniform and use the buddy system when visiting homes. Recommended food items are printed on the bag, along with instructions for the recipient.

All bags must be picked up on Saturday, March 11th after 9:00am. Collected items may be delivered between 9am-4pm to the Bergen Police and Fire Academy, 281 Camp Gaw Road in Mahwah. The Center for Food Action will pick up the food and distribute it to needy families in our area. All Units are welcome to help sort and repack food at the Academy that day.

The needs in our area are great, especially now, we hope you will participate.

If you have any questions, email Lisa Dell Antonia, ldellantonia@yahoo.com. Food pantry shelves are critically low now. Please help us assist those in need.

Do A Good Turn Daily

Do your part to help our neighbors in need by participating in the annual Scouting For Food Drive. Each month, NJ food pantries provide assistance to over 500,000 families. Do your part to stomp out hunger.