



2008 Toys for Tots Campaign

Background:

In the spring of 2005, the Council Venturing Committee was on the lookout for a community service project. The project, it was decided, should be able to be conducted by local units, and have a local impact. It should be easy, fun and leave all of those involved knowing what a difference they made.

The best possible scenario would be a project that could be carried out throughout the entire existing council, and if a consolidation was to take place, could also be carried out by the new larger council. The agreed upon project is a Toys for Tots campaign.

The plan:

This opportunity to help others is so exciting, and all units are able to participate! Toys will be able to be turned in to local council service centers, where the number of toys will be tracked. For units located out-state, we will be working with you to find your local official drop site, or help you establish one. Help from units will also be needed to help transport these donated toys to an official Toys for Tots site. **You may begin turning toys in on November 18, 2008. The last day for donations to be made is December 16, 2008.** Faith Anderson has agreed to head up our "Toy for Tots" campaign. Her contact info is: faitha@flexmation.com home number is 651-459-8616. The Northern Star Council contact is Bob Thielen, bthielen@northernstarbsa.org or 763-231-7220.

Please send your commitment information to Faith, and, after your successful toy collection, send the number of toys collected to Faith, and we'll add it to our council total!

Tips for your unit's success:

1. Recruit a chair for this activity.
2. Set a goal of toys to be collected by your unit.
3. Set a time frame for your campaign – a kick-off and wrap-up may be all that is needed.
4. Challenge another local unit to be the largest collector of new toys in this campaign.
5. Think of new ways to collect toys for your unit. Here are a few:
 - a. Create a toy drop box for your school, work or place of worship.
 - b. Have a "Bring a Toy" theme for a school activity, such as a dance, football game, volleyball game, etc.
 - c. Have a "Bring a Friend" activity, where everyone brings a toy.
 - d. Ask local merchants if you can have a table out front for a one day "Toys for Tots" collection.
 - e. Offer a service where a toy can be donated in place of charging a fee. Crew 651 of Maple Grove offers a Babysitting Extravaganza, where parents can drop their kids off for a few hours, and toys can be donated to their crew in appreciation for the service.
 - f. Gifts for teenagers are especially in need and appreciated.

YES! Our Unit is committed to collecting toys for the 2008 "Toys for Tots" Campaign!

Unit # _____ Town / area where you meet _____ Unit's goal of toys / gifts collected _____

Unit contact for this activity _____ # of youths participating _____

E-mail contact info _____ Evening phone # _____