



2009 “Toys for Tots” Campaign

Background: In the spring of 2005, the Northern Star Council Venturing Committee was on the lookout for a community service project. The first four years of our “Toys for Tots” campaign have been a huge success. In 2007 it was decided that this service project should be able to be conducted by ALL local units: packs, troops, crews and posts; and be able to have a local impact. It should also be easy, fun and leave all of those involved knowing what a difference they made.

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 Northern Star Council service centers, where the number of toys will be tracked. **You may begin turning toys in on November 16, 2009. The last day for donations to be made at a Northern Star Council service center is December 14, 2009.** 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.

Help from units will also be needed to help transport these donated toys from our service centers to an official Toys for Tots site. If you can not drop toys off at our service centers, your unit can still participate with us. We ask that you to contact us and share with us your unit info and how many toys that you collected locally. We can then add your information to our council total.

For units outside of the 7 county metro area, you can find a drop site near you at www.toysfortots.org.

For units within the 7 county metro area, you can find a drop site near you at www.toysfortotstwincities.org.

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 2009 “Toys for Tots” Campaign!

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

Unit contact for this activity _____ # of youth participating _____ E-mail

contact info _____ Evening phone # _____