



2011 "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 4 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: Toys can be turned into either of the Northern Star Council service centers, where the number of toys will be tracked. **You may begin turning toys in on November 1, 2011. The last day for donations at a Northern Star Council service centers are December 17, 2011.**

Help from units will also be needed to 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, use a drop site within the 7 county metro area www.toysfortotstwincities.org or outside the metro area www.toysfortots.org then share with us how many toys your unit collected this will be added to our overall Northern Star council: Boy Scouts of America total.



Again in 2011 – Walgreens; an official "Toys for Tots" collection site

is partnering with us to support the program making donating as easy as possible. Just drop off your toys, and use the same form below to let us know the details of your efforts.

Tips for your unit's success:

Recruit a "Toys for Tots" Volunteer chair for this activity.

Set a goal of toys to be collected by your unit.

Challenge another local unit: who will be the largest collector of new toys?

Think of new ways to collect toys for your unit. Here are a few:

 Create a toy drop box for your school, work or place of worship.

 Ask local merchants to have a table out front for a day

 Have a "Bring a Toy" theme: school activity; dance, football game, volleyball game, etc.

 Have a "Bring a Friend" activity, where everyone brings a toy.

 Offer a service where a toy can be donated in place of charging a fee.

 Crew 651 of Maple Grove offers a Babysitting Extravaganza, parents drop their kids off for a few hours, and toys are donated to their crew in exchange for the service.

Gifts for teenagers are especially in need and appreciated.

Faith Anderson is heading up our "Toy for Tots" campaign. Contact info is: faitha@flexmation.com
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YES! Our Unit is committed to collecting toys for 2011 "Toys for Tots"!

Unit # _____ Pack/Troop/Team/Crew/Post (circle one) Town/area where you meet _____

Unit's goal of toys / gifts collected _____ # of youth participating _____

Unit contact for this activity _____

Email _____ Evening phone # _____