



Good Turn For America

East Carolina Council Boy Scouts of America

Good Turn for America is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America that will help provide adequate food and shelter and to develop good health habits in our nation. To address these issues, the BSA is collaborating with some of the most respected service organizations working in these areas including Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Cub Scouts Packs and individual Patrols and Dens can provide service to the community in a variety of ways. You can then log onto the National Good Turn for America website at www.goodturnforamerica.org to report the impact of your Good Turn.

To participate in the Good Turn For America program you will need a unit ID # that is available through the East Carolina Service Center. You can call Edna Harper at 252-522-1521 ext. 21 or email her at edharper@bsamail.org to receive your unit ID #.

Examples of Good Turns that your unit can participate include:

- Take part in a Habitat for Humanity homebuilding project
- Assist community beautification projects, including repairing/repainting homes
- Food Drives
- Collect clothing, toiletries and supplies for people living in shelters
- Collect books and schools supplies for those in need
- Participate in a blood drive
- Conduct a child fingerprinting event
- Distribute organ donor cards to the public

Remember that all projects should be age appropriate and youth should not be asked to participate in activities that are beyond their physical, mental and emotional capacity. There should be proper adult supervision during all phases of the project and that appropriate safety guidelines should be communicated to all participants.

The *Guide to Safe Scouting* should be followed in all projects.

A Good Turn is more than simple good manners.

It is a special act of kindness.

The Boy Scout Handbook, 11th edition.