

Local Scouting units will be Scouting For Food, Dec. 6, 2014



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Tualatin BSA Troop 530, along with local cub scout packs and scout troops will be going door to door, collecting non-perishables for this year's annual Scouting for Food drive being held on Saturday, December 6, 2014. This the largest one day event organized by the Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America. Each year, our Scouts, unit leaders, and parents collect canned food and other items for local food pantries.

In Oregon and southwest Washington, more than 160,000 children under age 17 received emergency food assistance last year. Last year, a total of more than 400,000 individuals received emergency food boxes from Oregon Food Bank hunger relief agencies. Demands for emergency food are expected to increase as many low-income families have experienced a loss of Federal assistance.

Meanwhile, local Food Banks or Food Pantries receive fewer donations from national food manufacturers and U.S. Government programs. The non-perishable food collected during food drives such as Cascade Pacific

Council's Scouting for Food Day makes a big difference in your local community's ability to feed hungry children and their families.

After collection, the donations will be taken by the Scouts to drop-sites at designated food pantries in their hometown or to the Oregon Food Bank where they will be distributed to local food agencies. This year, the designated site is the Tualatin School House Pantry, located on the lower level of Rolling Hills Community Church. Please look for the door hanger on your door knob sometime after Nov. 29, and leave a bag or box filled on your doorstep for pick up on December 6. For



additional information or missed pick up, please call Norm Dannemiller, Scoutmaster for Troop 530 at 503.885.2405.

Samuel Ericksen Completes Eagle Scout Project

Tualatin High School freshman, Samuel Ericksen, has completed his Eagle Scout project at Tualatin Commons Park. Samuel's project included: removing invasive ivy from the park, pressure washing sidewalks and bench pads, and rebuilding three of the park's benches. On location, he and a large group of volunteers spent the day weeding, raking, pressure washing, and cleaning the park. They also repainted the lettering for the "City of Tualatin" entry sign. The three benches were removed and put at an off site work shop where Samuel and his work crew disassembled them, painted the metal components, and cut the wood to custom fit. This required planing (thinning the boards), measuring, cutting down to size, sanding, routing to shape, drilling, applying weather coating and finally, reassembling.

At the beginning of the project, Samuel researched what was needed for materials and asked several hardware stores and professionals for advice and donations. He also met with the President of the Woodworkers Guild, Gig Lewis. The main donors were: Hardwood Industries in Sherwood who gave the wood at cost, Parr lumber

gave the supplies to prepare and treat the wood, and True hardware gave the hardware (nuts and carriage bolts) at cost. Samuel received a cash donation from Sunset Pediatrics.



The work on the benches took three evenings and the whole project took approximately 124 volunteer service hours with Samuel supervising over 50 volunteers.

On November 10th, Tualatin's mayor Lou Ogden and the city's council recognized Samuel's work for the community.

The Tualatin Commons Park is the triangle surrounded by Tualatin/Sherwood Rd, Martinazzi Ave, and Nyberg Rd. directly across from the new Nyberg Rivers. This park has the new steel sculpture by Joseph Rastovich. Come spend some time in this small, but beautiful park.