



GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

You may have heard that a new national BSA initiative titled "**Good Turn for America**".

The main goal of Good Turn for America is to communicate the many service projects that are performed throughout the year by Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing Crews. The other purposes include: collaborating with organizations to enhance community service efforts ... identifying and cultivating new volunteers ... and showing Scouting's impact on our community – important information the council will want to share with community leaders.

Good Turn for America does not require you as a volunteer to do more; it simply asks your unit to record and communicate your unit's community service performed throughout the year and to focus on any or all of the initiative's three components: **(food)** participating in the Annual Scouting for Food drive that will be held each year during April; **(shelter)** assisting Habitat for Humanity that provide shelter; and **(healthy living)** planning Scout activities focusing on good health habits, exercise, and nutrition.

To report how your den, pack, patrol, troop, team, crew, or ship is contributing to community service efforts log onto **goodturnforamerica.org**

A **TELL US ABOUT YOUR SERVICE PROJECT instruction card** was mailed to unit leaders last April with the **special ID number**. Use the ID number to log onto the website and report community service projects throughout the year. When you go to the website you will be asked to create a password dedicated for your unit's use.

After entering the information about your service project, you will be able to print a certificate to take to the Pittsburgh Scout Shop and purchase Good Turn for America patches and year segments for everyone who worked on the project.

You will be pleased to know that the Council will be able to see the totals of all service projects throughout the year and is looking forward to learning about your unit's ongoing service projects.