



## Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America

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*Serving over 26,000 youth in Southwestern Connecticut.*

### **Scouts to Celebrate 95th Anniversary with Spring Food Drive**

The Boy Scouts of America have a long and distinguished record of service to the community. Local Scouting chapters of the Connecticut Yankee Council will celebrate 95 years of youth service with an area food drive. The drive is being announced during "Scout Week," in which Scouting organizations world-wide engage in special service activities.

Scouting began in England in 1907 by Sir Robert Baden-Powell to develop young men for their roles as productive citizens. It was brought to the United States in 1910.

The Connecticut Yankee Council, which serves over 25,000 youth members will join with Connecticut Food Bank to conduct a Fairfield and New Haven county-wide food drive. Connecticut Food Bank supplies more than 500 charitable food organizations such as food pantries and soup kitchens in six of Connecticut's eight counties.

Area residents, businesses and organizations are asked to help make this the biggest one-day food drive ever conducted in the area. Scouts will distribute collection bags on April 9 for pick up on the 16. Some units will collect food at area stores and public facilities on the 16. This project represents a portion of over 300,000 hours of service Scouting will perform in our communities during 2005.

Additional information can be obtained from Anna Matusz at the Connecticut Yankee Council, B.S.A. office at 800.333.7905, Ext. 273.

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