

4195 Good deeds provided by Scouting Youth in 2008

During the month of February 43 Scouting Groups from across the province involved 469 youth members to live up to the Scout Law of Doing a Good Turn. These 469 youth provided 4195 good turns to the citizens of Nova Scotia by taking part in the annual Operation Good Deed. These good deeds were not big events such as saving a life, helping out after misfortune or other disasters, they are often small, thoughtful acts: helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbour, doing something special for a brother or sister, or welcoming a new student to their school.

A good deed is an act of kindness that benefits others and is above and beyond your normal duties and responsibilities. It can be as small as an unexpected favour for a family member, neighbour, or friend.

Hats off to those who participated for a job well done as this is the 2nd highest number of Good Deeds reported since we started Operation Good Deed back in 1998. We issue you a challenge to take part again this year and tell other groups about it so the Spirit of Doing a Good Deed will return to Scouting.

For those of you who are new to Scouting or have never heard about Operation Good Deed you may be wondering what it is all about. Operation Good Deed is open to all sections, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, & Rovers. Youth members only. It is an excellent way of promoting the slogan of Scouting. **“Do a Good Turn Every Day.”**

What is it?

Operation Good Deed is an opportunity for the youth to perform services for their families, friends and communities.

When does it happen?

Operation Good Deed is held during February, 2009.

Why Operation Good Deed?

Having youth perform services raises the identity and profile of Scouts Canada and provides an opportunity to meet one of the ideas of our Founder of doing a good deed every day.

Where does it happen?

Operation Good Deed can take place anywhere that help and assistance can be given. It can be at home, in school, at a relative's house, in the community, etc. Good Deeds can be performed by individual members or by the entire group.

How Does Operation Good Deed work?

Youth members complete good deeds during the month of February and report them to the leader of the section. This person will keep record of those performing good deeds and report the total number of youth participating and the total number of Good Deeds provided by the entire section. Forward this information on the Report form to the Scout Office or myself by March 15, 2009.

All participants will receive a crest and a certificate of Commendation for even one good deed. Further information will be made available from the Provincial Office, through your service team members and at Scouting events or e-mail Ian Parker the Provincial Co-ordinator for Operation Good Deed at hicks.parker@ns.sympatico.ca.

Robert Baden-Powell, in his speeches to various youth groups and organizations, had been encouraging boys and young men to "do good." "By doing good," he wrote in 1900, "I mean making yourselves useful and doing small kindnesses to other people — whether they are friends or strangers." (quoted by Jeal 1989: 363). This concept famously became incorporated into Scout Law

So plan to include Operation Good Deed in your program plans and let us make it bigger and better than ever!

OPERATION GOOD DEED 2009

Report Form

GROUP: _____

SECTION: _____

ZONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT PERSON ADDRESS _____

Total number of youth who participating _____

Total number of Good Deeds preformed _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCOUT OFFICE BY MARCH 21, 2009

OR E-MAIL YOUR RESULTS TO Ian Parker at hicks.parker@ns.sympatico.ca.