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# Homeless Awareness Night Shantytown 2009

Learn about homeless people in New York by participating in a food distribution run to the homeless in New York City. Understand what homelessness is really like by spending a night in your own "shanty".

We will cook, wrap and deliver food to homeless people in Manhattan and camp out in our own "Shantytown". You will need a large (refrigerator or appliance sized) box - your home for the night.

Location: St. Marks' Methodist Church, 200 Hempstead Avenue, Rockville Centre

When: Starts Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM / Ends Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Cost: \$18.00 / Includes Food (covers dinner and breakfast and food purchased / cooked for the homeless), big screen movie, transportation to and from Manhattan early Sunday morning and Homeless Awareness patch.

### What you need to bring:

- A large cardboard box (appliance boxes such as refrigerator and big screen TV boxes work best) and packing tape or duct tape to tape it up on site. To get one, go to an appliance store and ask the manager or salesperson to hold a refrigerator or other large box for you.
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Clothes for sleeping outdoors. (Hint: Layers)
- Donations of clothing, toiletries, etc. to bring to Manhattan - see reverse for list of items

### Schedule:

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 PM Saturday – meet at St. Mark's	5 AM – Cook Breakfast for Homeless
5 PM – 8 PM – Dinner	7 AM – Caravan into Manhattan
8 PM – "Shelter" opens	10 AM – Return from Manhattan
9 PM – Movie (if the "Shelter" is open)	11 AM – Pack up Shantytown
???? – "Shelter" may close	12 PM - Closing

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March 7-8, 2009

Theodore Roosevelt Council BSA

Cost \$18.00 (per person) X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
No. of people

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Type (circle) Crew Ship Team Troop Council / District \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS RESERVATION FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO:

VENTURE CREW 116

5 GREGORY ST, VALLEY STREAM NY

**RESERVE NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!**

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# Midnight Run.org

## Homeless Awareness Night

Theodore Roosevelt Council Venturing is running a Homeless Awareness Night March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We will be doing a "Breakfast Run" to homeless people in Manhattan through the auspices of Midnight Run, a volunteer organization that provides over 900 relief missions a year. In addition to providing food, we will be providing used clothing and toiletry kits. If you would like to contribute, please bring any items as listed below to the February or March Iroquois roundtable at St. Mark's or contact Bob Becker at 516-236-5451 or [ventur8@venturetrc.org](mailto:ventur8@venturetrc.org). to make arrangements to drop off at the Council Service Center or elsewhere. If you are a Venturer or a Venture age Scout (14-20) or leader interested in attending homeless Awareness Night March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or helping out, please see the other side of this flier. Thanks for your help!

Here is a list of items we need:

**Clothing.** Midnight Run sees far more men than women, and thankfully we rarely see children. We need ten items for men for every one for women. So our emphasis in contributions is on casual men's clothing. The most critical items are coats and pants, and larger sizes are particularly sought after, but we welcome all contributions.

- **Durable pants.** Again, large sizes are preferred, but sort into waist sizes between 32 and 40 and above, with inseam size marked. Blue jeans are preferred over khakis. Mostly men's sizes, but bring five or so pairs of women's pants as well.
- **Shorts.** shorts with pockets (hiking shorts, cut-off blue jeans, etc.) are preferable to gym shorts. Bring a few, but they're less popular than pants.
- **Socks.** Tube socks, rolled in pairs. White or dark.
- **Underpants.** Jockey style. Sizes 32 through 42. Bring a few pairs of women's briefs as well.
- **Sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts.** Large and extra large. Dark colors preferred. Hooded sweatshirts are especially useful.
- **T-shirts.** Medium through extra large. Any color.
- **Hats.** Knit and warm for winter. Baseball caps for summer.
- **Shoes.** Sizes 9 through 12 and above. Lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes), soft-soled shoes and work boots are preferred.
- **Belts.**
- **Backpacks.** Not essential, but coveted by folks on the street.

**Food.** We need durable items that are easy to store and are used on most Midnight Runs. Best bets are soup mix (big canisters), cocoa mix, coffee, bottled water, juice boxes, individual fruit cups, and individually packaged snack foods.

**Toiletries.** We need sample or travel sizes of all basic personal care items.

- Soap.
- Toothbrush.
- Shampoo.
- Razor.
- Deodorant.
- Lip balm or moisturizer.
- Toothpaste.
- Washcloth.
- Shaving Cream.

**Blankets.** Midnight Run receives some bulk shipments of industrial strength blankets each year. Those satisfy a high percentage of the demand for blankets. But softer cotton (in summer) or wool blankets or quilts are very much appreciated.

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