

# NEWS RELEASE



## Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village

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### **Buckingham Camp Fire Club and Touchmark to collect food for hungry families**

BEND, Ore. —Last month, local and statewide newspapers published stories highlighting the worsening economy and increasing number of people throughout Central Oregon requiring assistance. To help address this growing need, the Buckingham Camp Fire Club and Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village are working together to provide food boxes for families in need.

Tuesday, November 11, the five first-grade girls will visit Bend neighborhoods and drop off grocery sacks. They are asking residents to place nonperishable food in the bags. High-protein foods, such as peanut butter and canned meat, are particularly helpful. Oatmeal, cereal, and canned fruits and vegetables also provide nutritional meals.

Members of the Club and Touchmark will pick up the filled grocery bags from residents' front porches Saturday, November 15 between 10 am and noon. Touchmark will match all food collected, up to 50 food boxes.

The girls and Touchmark staff will deliver the food boxes to hungry Central Oregon families in early December.

“We are delighted to partner with the Buckingham Camp Fire Club on this worthwhile service project,” says Touchmark Life Enrichment/Wellness Director Melanie Snow.

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“Thousands of families are experiencing hunger this fall, and we’re pleased that we’ll be able to help a few of those individuals while at the same time brightening their holidays.”

Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village opened in 2003 and in 2007 expanded by adding two new lodges and numerous amenities and services as well as new lifestyle options. Located along the Deschutes River, the retirement resort also offers Touchmark Home Services and the on-site Touchmark Rehabilitation & Balance Center. In 2008, Touchmark received an award from the Health Promotion Institute for Let Your Spirit Soar, a component of Touchmark’s Life Enrichment/Wellness program. In 2005, it received a platinum award from the National Association of Home Builders.

Camp Fire USA is one of the nation’s leading nonprofit youth development organizations, serving 750,000 boys and girls each year. Founded in 1910, Camp Fire provides all-inclusive, coeducational programs in communities across the United States.