

Donations sought for Christmas dinner baskets

American Legion fundraiser brings holiday dinners for those in need

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The American Legion Post 168 in Cannon Beach is looking for donations to help feed families in need this holiday season.

For more than 40 years, the annual fundraiser provides Christmas dinner to more than 65 families, with fixings like turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and other holiday staples. The Cannon Beach Library also donates a children's book for each box, and families can expect a sweet bag of taffy from Bruce's Candy Kitchen.

This year, people can also donate toys at a "giving tree" at Columbia Bank, which will then be distributed to families with children, as well.

Members of the local cub scout troop will deliver the boxes to families Friday, Dec.



Jason Schermerhorn and his son Jackson deliver boxes of food to needy families in 2016.

22, organizer Fran Carey said. The American Legion is asking contributions be made by Dec. 15 to allow enough time to buy the ingredients.

"This is important because this is a community," Carey

said. "We have people in town with needs."

If anyone would like to be added to the list of recipients, or knows someone who would like to be, call Carey at 503-436-9261.



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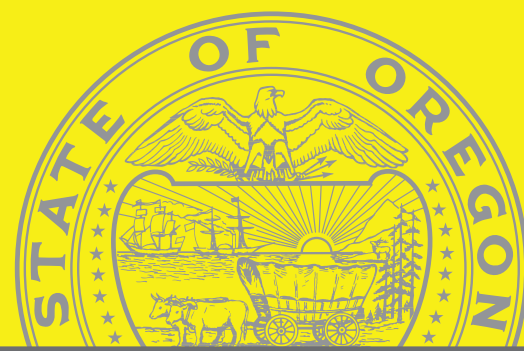
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