

## Midnight Sun Martial Arts Academy

Raised over 7,500 pounds of food for the Food Bank this year!



Instructor Jeff Hurben steps around a mountain of donated food at the Midnight Sun Martial Arts Academy on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011. The students and their families have been contributing to their annual food drive for the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. The group is always looking for a community project. A student suggested in 2007 they collect food items for the food bank. That year, they donated 1,138 pounds of food. This year, they have more than 7,500 pounds. “I thought this year would be tough because of the economy,” Hurben said. “But it’s been the best.” In the competitive spirit of the academy, each group of ranking belts seeks to out-donate the other. “I offer a pizza party for the winners,” Hurben said. “It’s a real challenge for them. They start trash-talking each other, and, before you know it, it turns into a big pile. Every year, it gets better and better.”  
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Student Chanda Peters, right, records the weight of donated food items with volunteer Maggie Ragusa during the annual food drive Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at the Midnight Sun Martial Arts Academy. Sam Harrel/News-Miner