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Boy Scouts “Scout for Food” for Ozarks Food Harvest on Mar. 6th & 13th

SPRINGFIELD—Southwest Missouri Boy Scouts will collect donations of non-perishable food items for Ozarks Food Harvest this Saturday, March 6 and next Saturday, March 13. The Scouts will go door-to-door in community neighborhoods across the Ozarks as part of the annual nationwide “Scouting for Food” food drive.

“There are families in our communities that are in need of assistance and this is our way of providing help to them,” said Ozark Trails Council District Executive Brian Wilfong. “‘Scouting for Food’ is a national community service project carried out by Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venture Crews, and it serves as an opportunity to teach Scouts that helping people can be rewarding. The food drive also helps our community get involved in scouting.”

Boy Scouts will also be at local grocery stores, accepting food donations from community members who wish to purchase items for the food drive. Some of the items The Food Bank requests include light canned fruit, wheat crackers, whole grain cereals, oatmeal, pasta, beans, peanut butter, canned “dinners”—which can be eaten without the need for a microwave or electricity—as well as personal hygiene items.

Neighborhoods not visited by the Boy Scouts may contribute to the Ozark Trail District project by bringing donations marked for “Scouting for Food” to Ozarks Food Harvest during regular business hours. The Food Bank is located at [2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave.](#), off of Kearney and Neergard, between Glenstone and 65 in Springfield.

Local Scouts have partnered with The Food Bank for this annual drive for the past 21 years, according to Ozarks Food Harvest.

Ozarks Food Harvest is the only food bank in southwest Missouri and serves more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching 155,000 people annually across 29 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank distributes between seven and nine million pounds of food each year—made possible due to its network of charities and direct service programs such as the Weekend Backpack Program™, Kids Cafe® and the Mobile Food Pantry™ program. Transform Hunger into Hope™ at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](#).

For more information about “Scouting for Food,” contact [Brian Wilfong](#) at (417) 883-1636 or to learn more about the Ozark Trails Council, visit [www.ozarktrailsbsa.org](#).

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