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Missouri State University Students Spike Out Hunger *Volleyball Tournament will Support Ozarks Food Harvest*

SPRINGFIELD- March 2011— Missouri State University students have the opportunity to help end hunger at Spike Out Hunger taking place from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on April 30, 2011 at the sand volleyball courts on Missouri State’s campus near Taco Bell. Spike Out Hunger is sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma, a national service sorority, as a fundraiser for Ozarks Food Harvest.

Teams of six will compete in a volleyball tournament with entrance fees fully supporting Ozarks Food Harvest’s hunger relief efforts in 28 Ozarks counties. Participants may choose to enter the tournament by donating \$20, or 40 nonperishable food items, per team.

Participants can be assured that their time and efforts will be well spent. For every dollar donated to Ozarks Food Harvest, \$10 worth of food distribution is provided for those in need across the Ozarks. According to Ozarks Food Harvest, one out of every five children in southwest Missouri is food insecure. Missouri also has the fifth highest rate of child food insecurity in the nation at more than 23 percent.

While “spiking out” hunger, teams will also compete for a chance to win an overnight camping and floating trip at Blue Springs Ranch in Bourbon, Mo. Any nonperishable food item donated beyond the entry requirements will be rewarded with a raffle ticket for more prizes as well.

To register for Spike Out Hunger please email spikeouthungermsu@gmail.com or find us on Facebook. For more information about Ozarks Food Harvest, visit ozarksfoodharvest.org.

About Ozarks Food Harvest

Ozarks Food Harvest is the only food bank in southwest Missouri, serving more than 300 hunger relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank now reaches 20,000 individuals weekly and distributes nine million pounds of food annually—made possible due to its network of charities and direct-relief programs such as the Weekend Backpack Program™, Kids Cafe® and the Mobile Food Pantry™ program. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org and at facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest.