



## Media Release

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### **Boy Scouts prepare to collect food for Ozarks Food Harvest**

SPRINGFIELD – *Scouting for Food* is back, with southwest Missouri Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts preparing to knock on your door, asking for donations to Ozarks Food Harvest.

On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Scouts across the Ozarks will be traveling through their local neighborhoods, approaching community members with flyers asking for food donations.

The Scouts are requesting that you take a week to find a few extra canned goods around the house and place them in a grocery bag.

Then, on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Scouts will return to collect the bags of food. The Scouts request that you set the food outside the front door if you do not anticipate being home on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Typically, this is one of the largest food drives benefitting The Food Bank. The Scouts routinely bring in more than 10,000 pounds of food during *Scouting for Food*.

This year, the success of the event may be more important than ever before. The Ozarks Food Harvest network is reporting record requests for food assistance.

Plus, the late winter months are typically the slowest for donations. So, the Scouts will be looking to make an impact with this food drive, just as in years past.

Helping to motivate the Scouts this year is a little something extra. For the first time, Missouri State University will sponsor *Scouting for Food*, offering the Scout Troop that brings in the most food free tickets to a Bears Baseball game this spring.

Ozarks Food Harvest works with more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching upwards of 41,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties. Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than 5 million pounds of food annually to its network of agencies and offers direct relief through its Kids Cafe<sup>®</sup>, Food for Thought<sup>™</sup>, Club F.U.N.<sup>™</sup> and Mobile Food Pantry<sup>™</sup> programs.

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