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Boy Scouts will *Scout for Food* Saturday

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Boy Scouts will *Scout for Food* in Springfield neighborhoods this Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to collect nonperishable food items for Ozarks Food Harvest.

This is the 22nd year local Boy Scouts have partnered with The Food Bank for the national community service project, *Scouting for Food*. During the past ten years alone, Scouts have collected nearly 100,000 pounds of food for the regional food bank.

“We are hoping for a successful food drive this year, as *Scouting for Food* was once The Food Bank’s largest community food drive, collecting nearly ten tons of food one year,” said Denise Gibson, development director at Ozarks Food Harvest. “We’re always proud to see the Scouts deliver the donations to help others in need.”

Most needed food items include canned meats, canned and boxed meals, pasta and rice, peanut butter, canned or dried beans and peas, canned fruit, cereal and 100% fruit juice. Glass is not accepted. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and shampoo are also needed.

Community members may also donate to the *Scouting for Food* drive on Saturday by bringing food items to Walmart, 2021 E. Independence, or to [Ozarks Food Harvest](#), 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave., in Springfield between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America® food bank for southwest Missouri, serving more than 300 hunger relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches 20,000 individuals weekly and distributes nine million pounds of food annually. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org and at facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest.

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