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Scouting for Food **collects more than 12k meals for hunger-relief charities**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — The Ozark Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, in partnership with Ozarks Food Harvest, is proud to announce the food collection totals for *Scouting for Food*. The Scouts in the Ozark Trails Council collected 18,150 pounds , with 15,935 pounds going to Ozarks Food Harvest and eight of The Food Bank's partner organizations—the equivalent of 13,279 meals.

"The Council participates in *Scouting for Food* every spring, when donations of food to charities tend to decline," said John Feick, Scout Executive. "We are thrilled with the increase in food collected this year."

In 2012, 2,430 pounds were reported to Ozarks Food Harvest and the Council. This was the 24th year the Scouts have partnered with Ozarks Food Harvest for Scouting for Food.

The Council covers 31 counties in southwestern Missouri and southeastern Kansas, serving over 8,500 youth and 3,500 adult leaders. More than 400 youth and adults participated by collecting food and cash donations from their communities in March. These donations will make a huge impact in the Ozarks as donations slow in the spring.

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Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America food bank for southwest Missouri, serving 250 nonprofit agencies across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank distributes 10 million meals annually to 170,000 unduplicated individuals. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org, facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest or twitter.com/ozksfoodharvest.

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