



Join the Movement to End Hunger All Year Long!

ABOUT OZARKS FOOD HARVEST

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America food bank for southwest Missouri, serving 270 hunger-relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches nearly 70,000 individuals monthly and provides more than 20 million meals annually.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

- Please register by filling out the **Google Form** for your unit.
 - o Each unit needs a separate registration
- Annual food-drive held in March
- We encourage all units to cover a neighborhood and request door hangers from the Scout Office or your District Executive.
 - o Reach out to OFH coordinator to get started
 - Ali Pool Special Events Coordinator (417) 865-3411 ext. 122
 apool@ozarksfoodharvest.org
- Drop off donations at Ozarks Trails Council headquarters starting March 21st
 - o Final day to drop off is Saturday, March 29th from 8am-2pm.
- OR find a pantry close to you using our agency finder at <u>ozarksfoodharvest.org/need-help</u> and report weight back
 - o Must report a weight to be counted DO NOT ESTIMATE
 - o Work with pantry to weigh or use container measurements
- Since 2002, The Scouts have collected 232,691 pounds and \$9,315 for total of 232,855 meals!

HOST A FOOD DRIVE ANY TIME OF YEAR

- If March doesn't work for you, host a drive at another time
- Visit <u>ozarksfoodharvest.org/how-to-help/host-a-food-drive/</u> to register your drive
- Borrow supplies and bring them back to Ozark Food Harvest's distribution center along with what you have collected when it is convenient for you (donations accepted during regular business hours – Monday-Thursday 8AM-4PM and Friday 8AM-12PM)



- Don't live in Springfield?
 - o Use our pantry finder at <u>ozarksfoodharvest.org/need-help/</u> to find one close to you in our 28-county service area, or ask for one to be found for you

VOLUNTEER

- At our Distribution Center
 - o Located at 2810 N Cedarbrook Ave in Springfield Missouri
 - o 3-hour sessions available mornings, afternoons, and evenings Monday through Saturday
 - o Sign your group up online at <u>ozarksfoodharvest.org/how-to-help/volunteer/</u>
 - o Minimum age is 12 OSHA regulation
- At a Partner Pantry
 - o Use our pantry finder at <u>ozarksfoodharvest.org/need-help/</u> to find one of our 270 charities to volunteer with

FULL CIRCLE GARDENS

- Food Bank Farm
 - o Located in Rogersville
 - o No minimum age
 - o Regularly scheduled volunteer sessions available
 - Sign up the same way you do for distribution center sessions
 - o Troop field trips
 - Contact Full Circle Gardens Volunteer Coordinator, Rachel Breckling at <u>rbreckling@ozarksfoodharvest.org</u> to schedule a time
 - o Eagle Scout projects
 - Work benches, tool housing, pollinator strips, compost bays, etc.
- Volunteer projects for our partner pantries/farms in Springfield and across our 28-county service area
 - o Building raised beds, trellised archways, mulch pathways, hydroponic systems, planting days, etc.
 - o Contact Full Circle Gardens Outreach Coordinator, Jessica Allen at <u>jallen@ozarksfoodharvest.org</u> to set-up
- Plant-a-Row
 - o Have a home garden? Reduce waste!
 - o Donate excess produce to our distribution center or to one of our partner agencies use our pantry finder at <u>ozarksfoodharvest.org/need-help/</u> to find one close to you