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Cub and Boy Scouts in Fort Smith, Van Buren, Russellville, Clarksville, Harrison, Huntsville, Northwest Arkansas and their surrounding communities in 17 Arkansas counties will be distributing bags throughout the neighborhoods on Saturday, February 2nd. The Scouts will return the morning of Saturday, February 9th to collect the filled bags left on the front doorstep in these same neighborhoods. Scouts will be at 37 Harps and Price Cutter Food Stores collecting food on February 9th.

The Boy Scout Scouting for Food drive is designed to help support the local food pantries in the 17 Northwest, North and West Central Arkansas counties of the Westark Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of the collected food will vary from area churches and rescue missions as well as the larger food banks in Fort Smith and Northwest Arkansas. Across the United States, in many councils and districts, thousands of troops and packs with millions of scouts involved collect tens of millions of pounds of food which is distributed to needy neighbors.

The 2019 Scouting for Food effort coincides with and celebrates the 109th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and is also designed to help replenish food pantries in this region depleted from the holidays. In the Scout Oath a scout promises to **help other people at all times**. Scouting's slogan has always been **"Do a Good Turn Daily"**. This effort also helps scouts to fulfill that principle. By participating in a Scouting for Food program, scouts come a step closer to fulfilling these words.

Harps Food stores and Price Cutter stores within our 17-county area have generously stepped forward to participate and sponsor the 2019 Scouting for Food effort. KFSM TV 5 News and HOG Radio Group have also partnered with the Boy Scouts to bring this information to everyone in the 17-county area. We thank Harps Food Stores, KFSM TV 5 News, and HOG Radio Group for their partnerships and generous participation in this community wide project.

Remember February 2nd to check your front door for a Scouting for Food bag. February 9th is collection day. If you missed getting a bag, pick one up from your area Harps, Harps Marketplace, or Price Cutter food stores and return the filled bag to that store on February 9th.