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Washington High School students stand united for seventh annual Project Second Wind, coming Feb. 26-27

Youths To Wage Attack On Hunger

Hunger, beware: There are 9,000 youths in the Tri-County area just waiting to blow you away.

They'll get their big chance Feb. 26 and 27 — Project Second Wind weekend — when they join forces with the Oregon National Guard in a massive food drive for the needy.

Their goal: To collect 115 tons of food.

Their purpose: To fill the near-empty cupboard shelves of 12 social service agencies supplying food to thousands of needy families in Multnomah, Washing-

ton and Clackamas Counties.

Their plan of attack: To go, door-to-door, to at least 70 per cent of all houses in those three counties, asking for canned and nonperishable food items.

Coordinators of the seventh annual food drive met Monday morning with the Metropolitan Youth Commission, National Guard officials and city and county commissioners to outline their strategy at a press conference at City Hall.

"We'll have more students participating this year than ever before, but it

doesn't necessarily guarantee we're going to collect more food," says operation coordinator Pam Swanda, Roosevelt High School sophomore.

"But our objective is to get as much food as possible, to help as many people as we can and to get more youths active in it to show people that youths can do something besides causing commotion."

More than 9,000 youths from 52 elementary, junior and senior high schools in the tri-county area are expected to take part in the two-day food collection project. About 6,000 students par-

ticipated in last year's drive, which netted a record 106 tons of food.

The Metropolitan Youth Commission, which helped launch Project Second Wind in 1971, hopes to line up about 200 trucks from the National Guard and Army Reserve units to gather food. The Guard also has pledged manpower to the drive.

And about 250 churches in the three counties — twice the number from last year — will be asking their congrega-

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tions to bring food on Second Wind Sunday which later will be transported to the nearest high school for pickup.

Another 52 businesses throughout the tri-county area have agreed to contribute food to the drive, double the number which pledged support to last year's campaign.

Youths will be ringing doorbells from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. All food collected during the weekend will be stored in a warehouse until distributed to the 12 service agencies.

Agencies which will be receiving food from this year's drive include FISH (of Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties), Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Snow-CAP, William Temple House, Francis Center, Serve The People, LIFE Center and Community Care.

About \$1 million worth of food has been collected during the post-Christmas food drives over the past six years. But, weather and donors willing, many youths feel this year's drive will be the biggest ever.