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Tech to host canned food drive for Salvation Army at Monday's season opening home basketball doubleheader at Tucker Coliseum

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. (November 13, 2009) -- Arkansas Tech will host a canned food drive for the Salvation Army in conjunction with its season-opening basketball doubleheader at Tucker Coliseum on Monday night.

The doubleheader begins at 5:30 p.m. Monday with a women's contest between the Arkansas Tech Golden Suns and Central Baptist College.

The nightcap will pit the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys against Ozark Christian College at 7:30 p.m.

Fans will be able to gain free admission to the games by donating a non-perishable food item at the door. The Salvation Army will use the donated items to help feed the less fortunate during the holiday season.

The Arkansas Tech Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is overseeing the canned food drive.

Any non-perishable food items will be accepted, but the Salvation Army is in particular need of the following items to prepare Thanksgiving meal boxes: gravy (can or dry mix), bagged marshmallows, canned sweet potatoes, green beans, peas, corn, cranberries and pie filling, pie crusts, boxes of stuffing, boxes of instant mashed potatoes and Jell-O.

The Golden Suns, who finished 19-9 overall last season, are among the top five NCAA Division II women's basketball programs in terms of all-time victories and all-time winning percentage.

Dave Wilbers is back for his third season as the Golden Suns' head coach.

The Wonder Boys are the defending Gulf South Conference champions. Tech was 23-9 overall last season. The Wonder Boys reached the second round of the NCAA Division II Tournament last March.

Mark Downey is beginning his fourth season as the Wonder Boys' head coach.

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