

PRESS RELEASE

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Free Tax Preparation and Electronic Filing

Fort Smith, Arkansas – The WestArk RSVP, a local organization of active adult volunteers 55 years of age or older, is proud to partner with the IRS to offer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) services. This is the twelfth year free tax assistance has been available at the RSVP Center. Last year WestArk VITA/TCE volunteers prepared and electronically filed 32% of the VITA and TCE returns in Arkansas



IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteers receive training to help prepare free basic federal and state (Arkansas and Oklahoma) income tax returns and also offer free electronic filing. Income limit for free tax assistance is \$54,000 unless you or your spouse: is 60 or older, or is active duty military.

WestArk RSVP will have more volunteer tax preparers available every day this year. Free tax assistance is available at the RSVP Center, 401 North 13th Street, Ft. Smith, (corner of Grand Avenue and 13th Street, red rock building) on Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m.— 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.— 4 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.— 1 p.m. (no Fridays, Saturdays or Tuesdays after 4 p.m. in March).

The following items should be brought to the tax site with the taxpayer:

- Social Security cards for you, your spouse, and any dependents OR an I-TIN letter.
- Proof of identification for yourself and your spouse if filing jointly (driver's license).
- W-2 and/or 1099's from each employer.
- For direct deposit of refund bring a check or account # and routing #.
- SSA-1099 form if received Social Security benefits.
- Unemployment compensation 1099-G form (if any).
- All 1099 forms and information for other income (if any).
- A copy of last year's tax return (if available).
- If itemizing—information about deductions/credits.
- Dependent care /Day care provider information; either Social Security # or EIN # (if any).
- Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statement) (if any).
- College students will need Form 1098T and copy of student account.

Services are first-come-first-serve and no appointments are available.
Call 782-2525 for additional information

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