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DULUTH--A dozen Air Explorer Scouts from Duluth will do their "good turn" this weekend for North Shore deer which are running out of food.

The boys from Squadron 11, sponsored by Arnold Air Society, UMD ROTC group, will cut moose maple trees Saturday in the Encampment Forest north of Two Harbors so the deer can eat their fill.

Earl Lhotka, Duluth, area supervisor of the warden service of the Minnesota Fish and Game department, said many deer have yarded up in the forest because of deep snow. They have eaten browse up to five feet from the ground and can reach no higher. Unless browse is cut for them, Lhotka said, they will starve.

Lhotka appealed to the Explorer Scouts for help. The boys will cut on Saturday, possibly Sunday and on future weekends, if necessary, according to Dennis Carlson, Duluth, their advisor.

While cutting the trees to help feed the deer, the boys will be accomplishing a "conservation good turn" as well. The moose maple left by the deer will seed themselves in the spring and, in years to come, actually will multiply in number.