

2020 CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

3 WINTER ACCESSORIES- such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks

3 SMALL POP TOP CANS OF FOOD- such as Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, fruit

3 OTHER SMALL FOOD ITEMS- such as wrapped hard candy like Jolly Ranchers and Blow-Pops, jerky, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, gum --**No peanut products, please!**

AN AGE APPROPRIATE BIBLE OR BIBLE STORY BOOK



FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

HYGIENE ITEMS- Place the following items in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth

3 FUN ITEMS- such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, doll, hair accessories, cars, crayons and coloring books, craft sets, puzzles, flash cards, card games like Old Maid or Go Fish

FOR OLDER CHILDREN/TEENS

HYGIENE ITEMS-Place the following item in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, wash cloth, deodorant

3 FUN ITEMS- such as make-up, jewelry, fleece blankets, balls, thermos, flashlights, craft sets, drawing items, markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books, Sudoku, Word Finds, hunting magazines, card games like UNO --**ALL NEW ITEMS NO USED ITEMS PLEASE!**

Tie two ribbons securely to the backpack to indicate both gender and age of recipient.

Ribbon 1

Blue =boy

pink =girl

Ribbon 2

Purple =K- (ages 3-5)

Yellow =Grades 1-3 (ages 6-8)

Green =Grades 4-5 (ages 9-10)

Red =Grades 6-8 (ages 11-13)

White =Grades 9-12 (ages 15-17)

Region I Associations:

A: Beaverdam, Palmetto, Pickens-Twelve Mile, Piedmont, Saluda

B: Greenville, Three Rivers

C: Broad River, North Spartan, Spartanburg County, Woodruff

Region 1 Backpacks will be delivered to Jenkins and Corbin, Kentucky

Collection Site

Spartanburg County Baptist Network Office 5245 Highway 221, Roebuck, SC
tracyspartanburgbaptistnetwork@gmail.com, **864-582-8330**

Collection Dates

August 24- October 29 Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-5:00 pm

HELPFUL GUIDELINES

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26% of Kentucky's children live in poverty. On top of this the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected the livelihoods of many in the Eastern Kentucky Coalfields already weakened by coal layoffs, floods, and generations of poverty and poor health. For some of these children, a backpack from South Carolina Baptists may be all they receive for Christmas.

The volunteers who worked with collection and those who participated in the mission trip last year made the following recommendations:

1. The list of items to be included has been modified to ensure that all recipients receive equal gifts since the backpacks are opened in a group setting. Some students received a lot more than others.
2. The age groups for the ribbons have been modified to fit the schools to which they will be delivered. This will make packing and delivering much simpler.
3. The Christmas Story will be added to the backpacks at the collection site. Individual churches will not have to download and print them.
4. The church/association should check backpacks to be sure they follow the guidelines before dropping them off at the collection site.

We hope to be able to be in the schools as we were last year. We will be monitoring the Covid 19 situation and adjust as necessary.

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The Christmas Backpacks Ministry, sponsored by The South Carolina Baptist Convention, seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs occurs at Christmas. We are calling on the churches statewide to respond to this need through 2020 Christmas Backpacks. These backpacks will be distributed to needy children and teenagers during events at which the Gospel will be shared.

Your Church and/or Association: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact's Email: _____

Contact's Phone Number: _____

Check all that apply:

- 1. Our church/association will fill backpacks and bring them to the collection site.
Estimated number of backpacks: _____
- 2. Our church/association would be willing to be a collection site for our area.
We will transport them to the Collection Site.
- 3. Our church/association (groups or individuals) would like to participate in a mission trip to conduct events in the schools or other ministry areas. More information will be sent later as we monitor the Covid 19 situation.
- 4. Our church/association (groups or individuals) would be willing to help in getting the backpacks to needed areas by providing a box truck/covered trailer and drivers to deliver the backpacks. This will be needed whether or not the mission trip is possible.
Contact(s) Name and Phone Numbers: _____

- 5. Our church/association (groups or individuals) would like to make other donations. Although we received enough backpacks last year, we were short in some age groups and had to fill more backpacks. Financial donations can be mailed or brought to the collection site and made payable to SCBN. Place Christmas Backpacks on the FOR line. Extra items from the "Items to be Included" list would also be greatly appreciated.

Please return this form to tracyspartanburgbaptistnetwork@gmail.com

or mail to:

SCBN

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