

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



Working with **Appalachian Christmas Backpacks**, we seek to meet physical and spiritual needs for families living in **Boone County, West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky**. The greatest needs in this area occur at Christmas. We are calling on churches to respond to the need.



Partnering Together for Missions

Habersham County Baptist Association
 Liberty Baptist Association
 Rabun County Baptist Association

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Goal: 1,000 Christmas Backpacks

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GOAL and COLLECTION DATE:

Our goal is to collect **1,000 backpacks** filled with items to be distributed to children in December. The collection day for Habersham and Liberty Associations is November 4,6,7 from 8:00 AM to Noon or at Clarksville Baptist Church or November 4 at 6:30 PM at the World Day of Prayer. Please call the church at 706-754-2643 before delivering your Christmas Backpacks. We encourage churches to begin collecting and filling the backpacks early—and throughout the year.

AGE GROUPING and LABELING:

Each backpack should be labeled “boy” or “girl”, noting the age group. A **royal blue** (or similar) ribbon indicates a **boy’s backpack**. A **pink** ribbon indicates a **girl’s backpack**. A second ribbon indicates age:

Age Group	Color of Ribbon	Age Group	Color of Ribbon
4-7	Yellow	11-14	Red
8-10	Green	15-17	White

ITEMS TO COLLECT: Each zippered school backpack should include:

- NEW CLOTHING:** 3 to 5 items such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarfs, etc.
- SMALL POP-TOP CANS OF FOOD:** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, fruit (3-4 cans). Please, nothing that will crush, or plastic containers of food.
- NEW, AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS:** 2 or 3 toys. Examples are small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos, etc. (No toy weapons, please!) For the older youth category, substitute an appropriate item for toy. (No pocketknives.) If you send a toy that needs batteries, please install the batteries and send extras.
- HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush/comb, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, and other appropriate items. Please fit items into a one-gallon Ziploc bags ,so they will not leak.
- FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY:** Please, no chocolate, as it may melt—and no peanut products due to allergies.
- AGE-APPROPRIATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**
- AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE:** No particular version is required.
- A COPY OF “THE CHRISTMAS STORY”:** For free copies, contact Judy McCracken 706-490-3283 or Bill Barker 404-538-2895.

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