

2018 Christmas Backpacks Application

Deadline: March 15, 2018

Applications received by March 15, 2018 will be given priority.

The Christmas Backpacks are designed to help you show the love of Christ to impoverished children and youth within your community in a tangible way.

To those who prepare the backpacks, we suggest that each contain, hygiene items, zip-top single serving food items, a new toy, new clothing, a Bible or New Testament in a readable translation for children, and "The Christmas Story".

We request that each backpack be age-and gender-appropriate and identified with the new colored ribbon system (Blue for boys and pink for girls; then for the age groups - yellow for ages 4-7, green for ages 8-10 and red for ages 11-15.)

New Website for 2018: christmasbackpacks.org (Under development)

Responsibility of Christmas Backpacks Provider:

- We will promote the need and communicate the story of these children to the Southern Baptist family and how the Christmas Backpacks are making a difference in the lives of those we touch.
- We will work with the SBC entities, churches, church planters and compassionate ministry centers to determine the need and the logistics for collection and distribution of the backpacks.
- We will coordinate with the various entities involved related to the promotion, collection and distribution.
- We will work to arrange the transportation of the backpacks at the appropriate time to either the distribution site or within the general area of the site.
- We will work to provide ideas and/or training when requested in planning the local distribution of the backpacks.

Responsibility of the Christmas Backpacks Distribution Site:

- Plan the distribution event — time and place – after Thanksgiving and before Christmas.
- Determine the reasonable number of backpacks needed for impoverished children and teenagers.
- Complete and submit the application.
- The ability to fill the full order of each request will be determined by the number of backpacks collected by the generosity of God's people. Pray that every order will be filled 100 percent.
- Submit your plan for sharing the gospel during the distribution event. We will gladly assist with ideas or training if requested.
- Confirm that "The Christmas Story" is in each backpack or given to each child and teenager present.
- Assure that each backpack will be given out by Christmas. In the event you have extra backpacks, contact us so that they can be used at other events.

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Name (Association, Ministry Center or Church):

Physical Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Mailing Address (if different):

City: State: ZIP: Contact Person:

Phone Number: Email:

Number of Backpacks Requested:

- A **maximum of 500 Christmas Backpacks per site** unless you apply for an exemption in writing – number needed and reason for larger number of Christmas Backpacks.
- We do not guarantee the request will be met. Complete individual applications for each distribution site (i.e. multiple elementary schools, listing them each by name).
- The **gender/age breakdown is for those who have partners**. We cannot guarantee the age group breakdown in a general delivery.

Girls _____ Ages 4-7 _____ Ages 8-10 _____ Ages 11-15

Boys _____ Ages 4-7 _____ Ages 8-10 _____ Ages 11-15

Date of the Distribution Event and a Brief Description:

Date: _____

Local church responsible for the follow-up.

Would you like a church and/or association to assist you with the distribution? _____ Yes _____ No

We will be asking churches and associations to adopt a site and be responsible for the needed backpacks and the distribution. The adopting church or association will be asked to supply the total number of backpacks you have requested and assist with the distribution event.

Do you already have a partnering church working with you for a Christmas event for children and/or teenagers? If so, what is the name of the church? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, name and contact information

Briefly describe how you plan to share the gospel during this event. We will gladly assist with ideas or training, if requested.

Other needs you may have related to this event: This information is for the Partnering churches or associations.

_____ Food _____ Coats _____ Socks _____ Blankets

_____ School Supplies _____ Shoes _____ Clothing

_____ Other: (describe) _____