

# 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: 1,800 Christmas Backpacks**

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### GOAL and COLLECTION DATE:

Our goal is to collect **1,800 backpacks** filled with items to be distributed to children in December. **The collection day for Rabun County is November 21 (or earlier) at Wolffork BC. Please call the church at 706-746-2728 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:

- 1) **NEW CLOTHING:** 3 to 5 items such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarfs, etc.
- 2) **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.
- 3) **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.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY:** Please, no chocolate, as it may melt—and no peanut products due to allergies.
- 6) **AGE-APPROPRIATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**
- 7) **AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE:** No particular version is required.
- 8) **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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