

Dear Friends,

We are so thankful that you have chosen to partner with our Adventist churches across the reservation. We have been cultivating relationships with children right here in our community, so each shoebox that you pack will help us to tell these children about Jesus. You are helping us to create ties and bonds with these children which we pray will end up seeing them and their families in the kingdom of God.

This is more than just some kids getting toys for Christmas. NO! We want this to be an opportunity for you to pray for a child who has received a box from this program. Not only do your shoeboxes impact these children, but your prayers will do so much more. Once your shoebox has been delivered, we plan to send you a picture of a child who received one of the shoeboxes. Put the picture up on your fridge, or in your Bible, or with your family's worship book so you can remember to pray for the child in the coming year. Prayer changes things!

Now that you have chosen your child, go ahead and enjoy picking out items and packing a box!

Please include items that are new and make sure there are plenty of toys! It's easy to want to share Jesus and fill the box up with a Bible and guide magazines, but these kids are expecting toys, so make sure there is a good variety of both the fun and the spiritual.

Happy Packing!



PACKING A BOX STEP-BY-STEP

PACKING INSTRUCTION VIDEO

Watch a fun and very helpful tutorial video to see the steps, tips, and tricks! It walks you through step by step from picking a child to mailing the package!

click
here!

PICK A BOX

Any shoebox/small amazon box will do or pick up a FREE flat rate box from your local post office (this is most commonly used).

GO SHOPPING

Print off our list of recommended items to help give you some ideas as well as items that are a NO-NO! Walmart, Target, and Dollar Store are great options! It's helpful to take the box into the store with you so that you can visualize how the items will fit and make the most of the space. For older children, gift cards are popular and loved. Most, if not all, have access to Taco Bell, Walmart, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Little Caesar, and Subway. PLEASE do not pack already used items, stick to new items.

PACK YOUR BOX

You can individually wrap your items - or not, either way! Try to be as space efficient as possible by removing bulky packaging and "nesting" smaller items within larger items.

MARK YOUR BOX

Write in **BIG BOLD LETTERS** your child's GENDER and AGE on ALL 4 SIDES of the box. This helps us to easily identify which child will receive the box.

ADDRESS YOUR BOX

Please have boxes postmarked
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 7
to the following address:

**Rez Christmas Packages
C/O Nancy Crosby
PO Box 1294
Kayenta, AZ 86033**

**SAVE POSTAGE
DROP-Off Location:**

Arizona Conference of SDA
13405 N Scottsdale Rd,
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

BY NOVEMBER 1

PACKING A BOX ...CONTINUED



OTHER MISC.

You are more than welcome to send a picture of the tracking number, but it's not a requirement.

We will be sending out a reminder a few days before the deadline!

In general, \$30-\$50 is usually spent on the items for a box, and it costs about \$20-25 to ship a flat rate box.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at rezchristmaspackages@gmail.com

GENERAL CHRISTMAS PACKING LIST

Notes/Tips: ALL ITEMS should be NEW fun, kid friendly (safe), gender appropriate, and COLORFUL!

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Comb/brush, toothbrush, bar soap, bandaids

CLOTHING/ACCESSORIES ITEMS

Hat, scarf, mittens, socks, sunglasses, hair bows, plush blanket, tote bags/purse/backpack

TOYS

Foam balls, marbles, fidget toys, dolls (dark skinned), interactive toys, yo-yos, slinkies, glow sticks, dolls, stuffed animals, toy animals, science kits

CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES

Pencils/pens, small manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils, pencil case, crayons/markers, coloring pads/books, notebooks, small adhesive tape, watercolor set, playdough & accessories, stickers, puzzles, binoculars, compass, chalkboard & chalk, sewing kit/fabric/ribbon, paint/sticker by number, simple reading books

CHRISTIAN ITEMS/PERSONAL TOUCH

My Little Friend magazine, small bible, CD with christian music/Stories, quarterly for age group, age-appropriate Bible DVD, note to child, photo of yourself/family/group



"WOW" ITEMS AGE APPROPRIATE

AGE

GIRLS

BOYS

0-2

Baby Toys, baby plates/cups/spoons - gender appropriate, light-up toys, musical toys, etc

3-6

Baby doll (dark skin), barbies, small ball, stuffed animals, small musical toys

Building blocks, cars/trucks/boats, toy tools, dinosaurs

7-9

Doll with accessories, stuffed animals, backpack/tote bag, craft kits, easy puzzles, paint-by-number, fun lip balm

Soccer ball, truck/boat, backpack, flashlight-drone-r/c car, watch, tool set, dinosaurs, animals, action figures (no war items), hacky sack

10-13+

Craft kits, paint-by-number, puzzles, calculator, flashlight, fun lip balm, compact mirror, card games, gift cards (Walmart, Taco Bell, Burger King, Subway)

Flashlights, Baseball cap, done-R/C cars, work gloves, fishing kit, card games, marbles, hacky sack, gift cards (Walmart, Taco Bell, Burger King, Subway)

Do NOT Include

candy; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns/ knives; liquid drink mixes (powdered is OK); liquids; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



THANK YOU



Thank you for your help in partnering with us to reach the children in our community for Jesus. Many of these kids are ones that we know personally, we have hosted kid's camp in the summer, we have played with them, we have put on programs for them, they may even attend the Adventist Church School or a local Pathfinder club. Our church members may have given us their names because they are being raised by their grandparents. There is no way to measure the impact your gifts have on these children. Let's show them the love of Jesus together!

We WILL FILL UP!

Each year we have a different number of kids, sometimes more, sometimes less. Once the kids are all chosen, that's it until next time! So be sure to sign up sooner rather than later. Don't wait!

