



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

operationchristmaschild.org.au

Dear Parents/Carers

The Bullcreek Leeming Scout Group is this year participating in Operational Christmas Child.

Please note: there is no obligation for families, Cubs, Scouts or Joeys to participate.

If you would like to join in and help... please let Simon or Kathryn know by emailing gl@blscouts.org.au

For your information:

- ☆ *Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project of its kind.*
- ☆ *Operation Christmas Child distributes hundreds of thousands of shoeboxes each year free of charge to disadvantaged children overseas. For most of these children, it is the first gift they have ever received.*
- ☆ *Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has globally collected and delivered more than 147 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries.*

Operation Christmas Child boxes put together by Bullcreek Leeming Scout Group and Western Australian families this year will be sent to children in either: Vietnam, Cambodia or Thailand.

We are going to track the Christmas boxes we donate so we know the countries our gifts are sent to ☺

You can join in and help send some gift boxes from the Bullcreek Leeming Scout Group.....

- ☺ You can either bring items to Cubs/Scouts/Joeys to be included in a box or assemble your own, or just bring a money donation.
- ☺ If you would like to pack a box, please let us know and we will send a box home with your child.
- ☺ Please decide if your gift box is for a girl or a boy. Then decide the age: 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old or 10-14 years old.
- ☺ If you would like to donate an item, or items, to be included in a box, please send the item/s with the age group specified and we will add the item/s to a box.
- ☺ If you would like to donate money to assist with the cost of sending the gift boxes, please give it to Simon. Each box costs \$10.00 to send (the Operation Christmas Child organisers ask that each box sent includes a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost to deliver the boxes to the children)
- ☺ If you have any queries please send an email to gl@blscouts.org.au or ask, Simon or Kathryn.
- ☺ The Christmas Boxes and/or items and money donations have to be returned to BLSG by Thursday, 14th September. Thank you.
- ☺ Please visit the Operation Christmas Child website www.operationchristmaschild.org.au for more information.

☺ Thank you.....we hope you can help a child overseas smile at Christmas ☺



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GIFT SUGGESTIONS

SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.

SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please note: These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints

ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough

FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins

USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys

BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors

ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones

GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including play money, playing cards and dominoes

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE: including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)

If you want to, you can also include a photo of yourself and/or a drawing you have made and/or a card to the child that is going to receive the Christmas gift box you have put together.

Please return the Operation Christmas Child boxes, items, donations to the
Bulleræk Leeming Scout Group Hall
by no later than
Thursday, 14th September 2017.
Thank you.



Shoebox Gift Ideas

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old



Girl



GIRL 2-4

Pencils
 Colouring book
 Exercise book
 Safety scissors
 Watercolour set
 Stuffed animal
 Doll
 Blanket
 Dress
 Hat
 Scarf
 Mittens
 T-shirts and tops
 Pants
 Underwear
 Socks
 Shoes
 Toothbrush
 Facewasher
 Soap
 Comb or brush
 Balls
 Cars, trucks, boats
 Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise
 Tote bag/purse
 Blocks
 Finger puppets
 Board or cloth books
 Sunglasses
 Plastic tools
 A note from you!



GIRL 5-9

Pens, pencils and sharpener
 Exercise book
 Eraser
 Scissors
 Colouring book
 Dolls
 Doll bed
 Stuffed animal
 Dress ups – crowns, fairy wands, etc.
 Toy jewellery
 Ribbon wands
 Balls with pump if necessary
 Lego
 Puzzles
 Hand puppets
 Plastic toys
 Yoyo
 Dress
 Pants
 Hat
 T-shirts and tops
 Socks
 Shoes
 Soap
 Underwear
 Facewasher
 Toothbrush
 Comb or brush
 Hair ribbons, elastics, etc.
 Sunglasses
 Illustrated books
 Bag
 A note from you!



GIRL 10-14

Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser and sharpener
 Exercise books
 Scissors
 Books
 Ruler
 Chalkboard and chalk
 Backpack
 Stuffed animal
 Skipping rope
 Doll
 Balls with a pump if necessary
 Puzzles
 Yoyo
 Musical instruments
 Dress
 Skirt
 Hat
 T-shirts and tops
 Socks
 Shoes
 Underwear
 Pants
 Soap
 Facewasher
 Toothbrush
 Comb or brush
 Hair ribbons, elastics, etc.
 Sunglasses
 Kaleidoscope
 Bag
 Sewing kit
 A note from you!



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Boy



BOY 2-4

Pencils
 Colouring book
 Exercise book
 Safety scissors
 Stuffed animal
 Blanket
 Hat
 Scarf
 Mittens
 T-shirts and shirts
 Pants
 Underwear
 Socks
 Shoes
 Toothbrush
 Facewasher
 Soap
 Comb or brush
 Balls
 Cars, trucks, boats
 Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise
 Tote bag
 Blocks
 Finger puppets
 Board or cloth books
 Sunglasses
 Plastic tools
 Duplo
 A note from you!



BOY 5-9

Pens, pencils and sharpener
 Coloured pencils
 Erasers
 Pencil case
 Exercise books
 Scissors
 Ruler
 Stickers
 Chalkboard and chalk
 Backpack
 Stuffed animal
 Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc.) with a pump if necessary
 Plastic dinosaur, animal or action figure (no war-related toys)
 Lego
 Cars or trucks
 Puzzles
 Frisbee
 Musical instrument
 Yoyo
 Soap
 Facewasher
 Toothbrush
 Comb or brush
 Sunglasses
 Hat
 Underwear
 Shoes
 T-shirts and shirts
 Pants
 Socks
 Scarf
 A note from you!



BOY 10-14

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How to Pack Your Shoebox



1 START WITH A SHOEBOX

- Use any shoebox with a lid no larger than an A4 page
OR
- Order pre-printed shoeboxes at operationchristmaschild.org.au/resources
OR operationchristmaschild.org.nz/resources

REMEMBER TO REMOVE & RECYCLE GIFT PACKAGING. 
Help save the environment!

2

PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

CHOOSE GIRL OR BOY & AGE

2-4

5-9

10-14

PACK GIFTS



SOMETHING TO WEAR



SOMETHING SPECIAL



SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH



SOMETHING TO LOVE



SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL



SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE

3

ESSENTIAL!

DONATE \$10 PER SHOEBOX

ONLINE DONATIONS: (PREFERRED)

Go to operationchristmaschild.org.au/shoebboxdonations
OR operationchristmaschild.org.nz/shoebboxdonations to donate.
A barcoded label for each shoebox will be emailed to you.

CASH, CREDIT CARD OR CHEQUE DONATIONS:

If not donating online, complete the form in the "How to Pack Your Shoebox" brochure and place with your cash or cheque in an envelope inside your box.

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LABEL YOUR SHOEBOXES

PRINT AND ATTACH LABELS:

- Every shoebox must be labelled.
- Do not photocopy barcoded labels or the barcode will not scan.
- For non-trackable labels, go to operationchristmaschild.org.au/resources
OR operationchristmaschild.org.nz/resources



NATIONAL COLLECTION MONTH OCTOBER

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FIND YOUR NEAREST DROP OFF POINT

In **OCTOBER**, find your nearest Drop Off Point:
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Remember to pray for the child who will receive your shoebox!

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