

Camp Bonclarken OCC Mission Project



This summer, we continue our tradition of making Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

We are going to **CONSTRUCT** our boxes on-site at Bonclarken during our rotations on Sunday Night at the opening of camp. We have the red and green boxes from Operation Christmas Child and we are asking every camper, counselor and staff person to bring the items to go in their box, so that we can pack (construct) our boxes together! Please read below and provide all needed materials, \$7.00, information and items for your child's box as described so that every camper will have everything they need to "construct" their Operation Christmas Child Box!

1 SHOE BOX

BOX WILL BE PROVIDED AT CAMP BONCLARKEN! We will use the OCC RED AND GREEN BOXES!

2 BOY OR GIRL

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label, provided on the next page. Mark the correct age category on the label, and include this label in your bag with your \$7.00 and all items to go in the box!

3 FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the page with the description of appropriate toys, gifts, etc. **PLEASE PUT ALL GIFTS INTO TWO 2.5 gallon Ziploc bags or SEVERAL 1 gallon Ziploc bags with your camper's name on the bags and place all of these items in a plastic grocery bag and TURN YOUR OCC ITEMS AND BAG in to the counselor AT THE CABIN** after registration. If you are not bringing your child to camp, please make sure that whomever (grandparents, other parent, church youth leader) will know to turn in your child's OCC items, money, information and gifts to the COUNSELOR at the CABIN!

4 INCLUDE \$7 DONATION (INCLUDED ON THE FOLLOWING SHEET are LABELS)

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. Please include \$7.00 cash or if you send a check, make the check payable to: SAMARITAN'S PURSE.

Please put your marked label (girl or boy) and your \$7.00 in an envelope along with the Donation Form with the information of camper name, address, etc. Put this envelope in the bags with your gift items.

How to Choose Items for Your Gift Box

“Wow” Item

Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box.

Ideas include: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

Other Suggestions

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

Please Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Candy specifications: Starting in 2017, no type of candy can be included in shoebox gifts.

Toothpaste specifications: Starting in 2017, toothpaste cannot be included in shoebox gifts, but a child’s oral hygiene can still be improved by regular use of a toothbrush alone.

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Don't forget to include your \$7 donation per shoebox.

If you donate online, you can use a special "Follow Your Box" label and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.