

BackPack Program 2023-2024

Registration Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Northeast Iowa RSVP and Decorah schools are partnering with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to provide the BackPack Program weekend food bags to students during the 2023-2024 school year. The program begins in September and will continue throughout the school year.

The BackPack Program provides non-perishable food for students most in need to eat over weekends and breaks when school meals are not available. The food is provided by Northeast Iowa Food Bank, and by individuals in the community, at no charge to students, families or schools.

Please carefully consider your family's economic status and determine if this program is something needed by your child(ren). If so, complete the attached registration form and turn in at your school office. If you are able to make do without this assistance, please allow this program to be used by others.

Items distributed in the BackPacks bags may include cereal, juice, fruit products, canned or boxed meals (some may require cooking), and granola bars. Parents and guardians concerned with food allergies need to be aware that BackPack Program items may include ingredients such as nuts, soy, wheat, eggs and milk. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Decorah schools will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed.

The food will be distributed to your child at the end of the school week. Please explain to your child that the food must not be eaten or opened until they are home.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank strives to include healthy and safe food. All food is labeled and sealed by the manufacturer. While some products might be past the marked best-by date, we have worked with the manufacturer to ensure they are still safe to consume. If you open an item and notice a problem, please contact the Northeast Iowa Food Bank immediately.

Sincerely,

Partner Capacity Coordinator
Northeast Iowa Food Bank
319-235-0507 ext. 127

(School) _____
(Office personnel) _____
(Contact info) _____



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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

School(s) your child(ren) attend: _____

Please list children participating in the program.

Name	Grade	Teacher	Any Food Allergies?

By signing this form, I agree to allow my child(ren) to participate in the Backpack Program of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Crossroads Academy.

I understand that for children with food allergies, Backpack Program items may contain ingredients such as nuts, soy, wheat, eggs and milk. Parents/guardians concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Decorah Schools/St. Ben's School/Crossroads Academy do not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank strives to include healthy and safe food. **While some products might be past the marked best-by date, we have worked with the manufacturer to ensure they are still safe to consume.** If you open a package and notice a problem, please contact the Northeast Iowa Food Bank immediately.

To promote and expand the Backpack Program, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank may wish to use images (but no names) of children who are participating in the Backpack Program in materials that may include brochures, newsletters, and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank web site.

- ☐ I grant permission to use images of my child(ren). I understand that my child's name and personal information will not be used in conjunction with any images.
- ☐ I deny permission to use images of my child(ren).

By signing this form I agree to assume any and all risks associated with my child(ren) participation in the Backpack Program including any adverse reaction my child may have to foods consumed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date