

# BackPack Program Summer 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Decorah United Church of Christ (Congregational church) is partnering with the Kids Lunch Club and Northeast Iowa Food Bank to provide the BackPack food program to students during the summer of 2023. The program will begin the week of June 6, 2023, and continue into August. **Food bags can be picked up Wednesday evenings from 6-6:30pm at the Decorah United Congregational Church of Christ (209 W Broadway St) or on Fridays during Kids Lunch Club Distribution (Freeport Park from 12:15-12:30 or John Cline Elementary from 12:45-1:15)**

Parents may choose to have their children participate in Backpacks or Kids Lunch Club, or both.

The BackPack Program provides non-perishable food for students most in need, to eat over weekends and breaks when school meals are not available, and there may be little or no food to eat. There is no charge for this food.

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. If you are able to make do without this assistance, please allow this resource to be used by others.

The food bags may include cereal, juice, fruit cups, pop-top meals, soup, and granola or breakfast bars. Parents/guardians need to be aware that BackPack Program items may include potential allergens such as nuts, soy, wheat, eggs and milk. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Decorah United Church of Christ will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed.

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,

Daniel Hofer  
Children's Programs Coordinator  
Northeast Iowa Food Bank  
319-235-0507 ext. 127

Kristin Propson  
Office Administrator  
Decorah United Church of Christ  
(563) 382-2661



The BackPack Program is a program of the  
Northeast Iowa Food Bank  
1605 Lafayette Street  
P.O. Box 2397

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# Registration Form

**Completed Registration Forms can be returned to any of the following:**

Kristin Propson at Decorah UCC (209 W. Broadway St. Decorah)  
Shanna Putnam Dibble at the John Cline Elementary School Office or via email at  
shanna.putnamdibble@decorah.k12.ia.us

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) your child(ren) attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list children participating in the summer 2023 program.**

Name	Age	Received school-year BackPacks?	Food Allergies?

By signing this form, I agree to allow my child(ren) to participate in the Summer BackPack Program of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Decorah United Church of Christ.

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 United Church of Christ do not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed.

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

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date