



Mission: To alleviate childhood hunger so kids can be kids

Purpose: To bridge the weekend hunger gap for food-insecure children & youth in Mesa County

How It Works: Share our *SIGN-UP* and *WHAT TO EXPECT* forms with families at the beginning of the year and/or during enrollment. Kids Aid does not collect these forms; all beneficiaries of The Backpack Program are anonymous to us. Once it is determined which students would like to use the program, a dedicated school liaison will use an online form to report the number of food bags needed each week. Following the delivery instructions you submit, a Kids Aid volunteer will deliver food to your school on Wed. or Thurs. If you have extra bags, you can send them home with students, or use them the following week. If you have specific needs or notice something that needs attention, please let us know.

Your Kids Aid Contact:

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Start Up Schedule:

- **ASAP:** Register your school/site, complete the *2021-2022 SCHOOL/SITE INFORMATION FORM*
 - <https://kidsaidcolorado.org/site-coordinators/> *Found at the VERY BOTTOM of the page.*
- **First Week w/Kids:** Send home/email *Sign-up & What to Expect* forms to families.
- **August 20th:** Using the *Weekly Bag Request Form*, submit the number of bags needed. Use this weekly IF you have changes. We use the same number every week, unless you submit a change.
- **August 25th and 26th:** Kids Aid Volunteers deliver bags to schools for the first time.
 - Wednesday or Thursday delivery dates are TBD. Let us know on the School/Site Information Form if you have special requests for delivery dates/times.
- **August 27th:** Students take bags home.

All schools/sites use the ONLINE FORM to update bag numbers as needed.

Ongoing: Numbers of bags can and will fluctuate during the year, especially through the first few weeks.

Submit any changes on Fridays by NOON for the following week. We cannot guarantee that we can honor last minute changes because of our packing and distribution process which involves over 100 volunteers and schedules. We will *always* do our best to accommodate.

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Students DO NOT need to return a form to benefit from our program.

If there is a need- let us fill it! We would rather send home an extra bag than risk anyone going hungry.

Thank you for your support and work with our program! ♥ We appreciate you!

You are the eyes and ears of our program; your feedback is invaluable to us.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.