

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: You will 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. This form only needs to be updated when there is a change in the weekly bag number request. If we do not receive an update, we will deliver the same number of bags as the previous week. Following your delivery instructions, a Kids Aid volunteer will deliver food to your school prior to the last day of the week. 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 Contacts:

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Start Up Schedule:

- **ASAP:** Complete [School Information Form](#)
- **First Week w/Kids:** Send home forms **Sign-up & What to Expect** (print and/or electronically)
- **August 29th:** Using the form below, submit the number of bags needed
- **August 31st - September 1st:** Volunteers deliver first week of bags to schools
 - WED/TH Date depends on volunteer availability and the request you submit. Let us know in the School Information Form if you have special requests for delivery dates.
- **September 2nd:** Students take bags home.

All schools use this [FORM](#) to update bag numbers as needed

Ongoing:

Numbers of bags will fluctuate during the year, especially through the first few weeks. THAT'S GOOD! **Submit any changes on Fridays for the following week.** We cannot guarantee that we can honor last minute changes (made after Friday at noon) because of our packing and distribution process which involves over 150 volunteers and schedules. We'll *always* do our best to accommodate.

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

If there is a need- let's fill it! We would rather send home an extra bag than risk a child going hungry. We also have can openers and backpacks available upon request, quantities are limited.

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.