















Guide to Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping, Packing, and Tips

Savvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, and fundraising for shoebox gifts. Use this guide to pack quality shoeboxes that are **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED** so that each is unique and prayed over. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world!

YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING

<p>January</p>  <p>Hats, Gloves, and Scarves</p>	<p>February</p>  <p>Fashion Accessories</p>	<p>March</p>  <p>"Wow" Items</p>	<p>April</p>  <p>Stuffed Animals</p>
<p>May</p>  <p>Personal Care Items</p>	<p>June</p>  <p>Toys</p>	<p>July</p>  <p>Clothing</p>	<p>August</p>  <p>School Supplies</p>
<p>September</p>  <p>Games</p>	<p>October</p>  <p>Letter and Photo</p>	<p>November</p>  <p>\$10 Donation Per Shoebox</p>	<p>December</p>  <p>Prayer</p>

YEAR-ROUND PACKING

PACKING CHECKLIST

Purchase—Shop for fun toys, personal care items, and school supplies to fill a shoebox. Write down what you have so far or still need to buy:

Toys:

Personal Care Items:

School Supplies:

Other Items:

Pack—Remove items from packaging and pack into shoebox.

Personalize—Include a letter to the shoebox recipient along with a photo of your family or group. You can even decorate the shoebox!

Prepare \$10 Donations—Set aside the suggested donation per shoebox to support project costs such as shoebox gift transportation and Gospel materials.

Pray—Lift up in prayer the shoebox journey and the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

YEAR-ROUND TIPS

- Set a shoebox goal at the beginning of the year to help you plan and stay motivated.
- Visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to [order preprinted shoeboxes](#) so you can pack all year.
- When shopping, choose quality items that will last a long time.
- Don't miss out on postholiday deals after Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.
- Take advantage of back-to-school sales in the fall.
- Check for tax-free weekends in your area to save money when purchasing your shoebox items.
- Go to the Operation Christmas Child [Amazon storefront](#) that includes gift suggestions.
- Visit our [fundraising page](#) for ideas on raising [\\$10 donations](#) to accompany shoebox gifts all year long.
- Join the [project leader Facebook group](#) for shoebox packing and promotional ideas.

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Visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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