



The VIBE Youth Advisory is organizing a collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. This is the campaign where shoeboxes are sent to children overseas for Christmas. Below, please find a list of items that can be purchased for the shoeboxes. Each box also will need \$10 for shipping costs.

## A “Wow” Item

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be inflated.)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

## Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)
- Adhesive bandages  
(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils  
(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight  
(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads
- Stuffed animal

## School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers

- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape

## Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Decorative hat
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.)

## Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.)
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Pencils
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## Toys

- Foam ball

- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles
- Stuffed animal

## Do Not Include:

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

## ‘Can This Go in My Shoebox?’ FAQ:

### **Are playing cards allowed?**

Card games with animals, numbers or letters can be included in your shoebox gifts. However, poker cards or face cards (King, Queen, Jack, Ace) are not allowed, as the countries we ship to, have asked us not to send them as they cause challenges in their communities.

### **How about little toys like spiders, bugs, snakes, etc.?**

All of those items are allowed.

### **Can we include batteries?**

Yes, batteries can be included in your shoebox gifts.

### **Can videos, CDs, and DVDs be included?**

Yes, all of these may be included in your shoebox gifts. However, keep in mind that the children may not have a DVD player or CD player available.

### **Can we include paint sets or glue bottles?**

No, both of these items are liquids and can't be included in your shoebox gifts. However, dry paint sets (such as watercolors) or glue sticks are OK to pack!

**Can we include a toolkit with nails, screws, screwdrivers, and hammers?**

Yes! The only tools that can't be included are saws or pocketknives.

**Are scissors OK?**

Yes! Scissors are OK to include in your shoebox gifts.

**Can items with camouflage be included?**

If the child can wear or use the items without looking like a soldier, they are OK to include in your shoebox gift. So items like camouflage pencils, notebooks, cups, socks or underwear are OK (any camo colors). However other camouflage items like hats, t-shirts, pants, shorts or backpacks (any camo colors) could make the child look like a soldier, so those items are not appropriate.

**Are squirt guns allowed?**

Squirt guns can be included as long as they do not look like real guns. Brightly colored squirt guns are great to pack in your shoebox gift.

**Can glow sticks go in a shoebox gift?**

Yes, glow sticks are OK to pack in your gift. If the tube breaks, the liquid does not spill out and can't damage other items.

**Can we include wet wipes?**

Yes, wet wipes do not have enough liquid to spill out into the shoebox so they are OK to include in your gift.

**Can rubber balls be included if they have liquid glitter inside?**

No, these would be considered inappropriate because of the liquid.

**Is lip gloss OK to pack in a shoebox gift?**

Lip gloss is a liquid and can't be included. However, Chapstick, lip balm or lipstick can go!

**Can I include toothpaste in my shoebox?**

No, toothpaste is not allowed in shoebox gifts due to customs regulations.

**Is Play-Doh OK to pack in a shoebox gift?**

Yes, Play-Doh can be included in your shoebox gift.

**Can compact mirrors go in a shoebox gift?**

Yes. Compact mirrors can be included because if the glass shatters, it will be contained.

**Can dice go in a shoebox gift?**

No, with or without a game, dice are not appropriate. The countries we ship to have asked us not to send them, as they cause challenges in their communities.