

Weekend Back Pack Program

During the school week, many children participate in breakfast and lunch programs at school. In some cases, this may be the only nutritious meal a child receives. Weekends can leave these kids feeling especially hungry.

To help fill the void, schools and community groups across the nation – including those in Lincoln County School District – work together to provide food-filled backpacks to children.

At the end of the school week, the filled backpack is given (discreetly and confidentially) to dozens of children with a need in Lincoln County. Along with providing nutrition to children, weekend backpack food programs have been shown to ease students' anxieties, reduce school absenteeism, improve attention span, raise academic performance and increase self-esteem.

If your children could benefit from this program, you are welcome to apply. If you would like to donate food, money or time to this effort, your help would be very welcome. For complete information about the program, please call:

North County

Oceanlake Elementary
Contact Pat Robertson or Karen Dummer at:
541-994-5296 or **541-994-2396**

<http://backpacksforkids.org/index.html>

Taft Elementary
Contact Donna Sanders
541-996-2136

Taft High
Contact Tara Stempel
541-996-2115

East County:

Jinji Wimalasena
East County HELP Advocate
541-336-4357
E-Mail: jinji.wimalasena@lincoln.k12.or.us

Pat Neal
Family Health Advocate
541-336-5104
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Newport:

Sam Case Primary School
Tami Harris
541-265-8598

Newport Intermediate School/Isaac Newton Magnet School
Jessica Steenkolk
541-574-1531.