

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR SANTA SHOEBOX

All items should be new and age-appropriate.

TOYS - Something to love

Soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, yo-yo, building blocks, trucks and cars, doll, dress-up clothes. Older kids/teens LOVE board games, cards, marbles, tool kits, science kits, mini torches.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES - Something to do

Felt pens, pens, pencil sharpener, rubber, coloring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, pencil case, stickers (see our suggested stationery list).

HYGIENE ITEMS - Something to use

Toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of wrapped soap & a wash cloth are required items for your shoebox. You can also add a hairbrush, comb, hair clips, roll-on deodorant or spray-on, talcum powder, sanitary towels (for our teens) if you would like.

OUTFIT OF CLOTHING - Something to wear

T-shirt and shorts, blouse and skirt, dress, pyjamas, etc. Consider an added extra too like gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces, clip-on earrings, make-up or hair accessories.

SUGAR AND SPICE - Something to eat

Sweets, chips, packet of biscuits, chocolate (in a zip lock bag).

BABY BOX - Something for the youngest

Barrier cream, talcum powder, baby soap, outfit of clothing, bath towel, baby blanket, soft toy, toy, rattle.

TEENAGE BOX - Something for our teens

All of the above plus something cool e.g. cap, sunglasses, toiletries, nail polish, make-up, deodorant (the teens LOVE spray-on).

SUGGESTED STATIONERY FOR YOUR SANTA SHOEBOX

This is a suggested list of stationery items/educational supplies by age and grade. Your recipient child would really appreciate a few of these items in his/her shoebox.

Grade R and Grade 1 (ages 4/5/6 years): plastic aprons, plastic pencils, triangular pencils, 24/36/48 piece puzzle, pencil crayons, wax crayons, blunt nose scissors, colour paper, glue sticks, white craft glue, lunch box, water bottle, denim chair bag, blank page A5 book for colouring/drawing, a miniature whiteboard with an erasable pen, or a blackboard with chalk. For grade 1's in particular – 100 piece puzzles, HB pencils, pencil bag, metal sharpener.

Grade 2 (age 7/8 years): denim chair bag, glue sticks, HB pencils, kokis, metal sharpeners, large pencil bags, pencil crayons, plastic sleeves, ruler, blunt nose scissors, eraser, water bottle, lunch box.

Grade 3 (age 8/9 years): South African Oxford School Dictionary, oil pastels, glue sticks, coloured card stock, HB pencils, kokis, metal sharpeners, large pencil bags, pencil crayons, plastic sleeves, ruler, scissors, eraser, water bottle, lunch box.

Grade 4 (ages 9/10): same as grade 3 as well as a calculator.

Grade 5 (ages 10/11): same as grade 4 as well as blue ball point pens and highlighters.

Grade 6 and 7 (ages 11/12/13): same as grade 5 as well as a geometry set, colourful book covers, homework diary.

Grade 8 -12 (ages 13 to 18 years): same as grade 7 as well as a scientific calculator.

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR SANTA SHOEBOX

Please **DO NOT** include any of the following in your boxes for obvious reasons:

FOOD: Do NOT include tinned food, cakes or other perishable food. Do NOT include anything containing nuts. Place chocolate in a ziplock bag to prevent it from possibly melting onto the other contents of the Santa Shoebox.

MEDICINE: NO medicines or vitamins of any kind.

WAR RELATED ITEMS: Do NOT include toy guns or knives.

FRAGILE ITEMS: Do NOT include glass containers or mirrors.

LIQUIDS: All liquids, like cosmetics or blow bubbles, must be put into a ziplock plastic bag, so that the contents cannot leak out and spoil the Santa Shoebox.

DANGEROUS ITEMS: Such as sharp objects in boxes for smaller children.

ELECTRONICS: Please include batteries with battery-operated toys (please note – these children cannot afford to replace the batteries once they are flat) or choose a non-battery-operated alternative (preferred). Cell phones with chargers are allowed.

LASTLY: Do NOT include anything of a political, religious or racial nature.

Remember to assess whether the contents of your shoebox are appropriate to the age of the recipient child.



EASY AS 1-2-3

1

FIND AN EMPTY SHOEBOX

We all have shoe boxes around the house or know someone who will kindly give us one. Shoe stores usually have empty boxes to give away. Stor-Age offers all our Santa Shoebox donors 4 FREE shoeboxes. Simply visit www.stor-age.co.za to find your local branch. Boxes larger than MEDIUM (running shoes) size might not be accepted.

2

DECORATE THE SHOEBOX

Wrap the shoe box AND please wrap the lid separately so that it can be lifted off (or flipped open). Be creative and instead of using conventional wrapping paper, decorate the box with drawings, paint, cut outs and stickers. By doing this, you are creating a unique "keep sake" box while at the same time, minimizing waste from wrapping paper that will only just be discarded.

3

FILL THE BOX WITH GIFTS

Please remember that these should be NEW and AGE-APPROPRIATE items. PEP Stores is our one-stop-shop for all Santa Shoebox contents.

The following items are required:

- Toothpaste and tooth brush
- Bar of soap and wash cloth
- An outfit of clothing
- Educational supplies
- Sweets
- A toy/special gift



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