



## How to Pack a Hope Box

We are excited to announce that we are collecting Hope Boxes and supplies for our 2020 mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains. Our prayer is that we will be able to present a Hope Box and share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with at least 22,000 children at over 60 public schools.

### 1. Start with a 6 quart plastic shoe box

Plastic shoe boxes travel better and the kids can reuse them over and over for things at school and at home.

### 2. Decide if you want to pack for a boy or girl

### 3. Choose an age group

Our age groups are categorized by:

- Pre k - 2nd (ages 4 - 8)
- 3rd - 5th (ages 8 - 11)
- 6th - 8th (ages 11 - 14)
- 9th - 12th (ages 14 - 18)

### 4. Fill the plastic shoe box

Fill the plastic shoe box with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys that are appropriate for the age group. Please see the lists below of what to include and not to include.

#### **We ask that each box contain:**

A Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
A pair of socks  
Pencils  
2 or more fun items

#### **Please do NOT include:**

Bar Soap  
Feminine hygiene items  
Water guns or toys that look like weapons  
Happy Meal toys  
Chocolate or candy that will melt  
Snacks with peanuts  
Money or gift cards  
Washcloths (*shower puffs are OK!*)  
Liquids such as body wash or bubbles *UNLESS the lid is taped and placed in a Ziploc bag.*

### 5. Place a label on your Hope Box

Labels can be found and printed on our website at [www.hfavateam.com](http://www.hfavateam.com)

### 6. Pray!

You can pray over the child that will be receiving the box as well as the missionary delivering the box.

### 7. Drop off your Hope Box

You can drop off your Hope Box at our location in Culpeper, Virginia, or you can drop it off with one of our partner churches.

#### **Helpful Tips:**

- The preferred shoe box is a 6 quart plastic Sterilite box. These can be found at most big box stores and are cheaper than the Dollar Store version. They seem to hold up better in transport too!
- If you include body wash or bubbles, please place tape over the lid AND put those items in Ziploc bags in case they leak.
- Placing a big rubber band around your Hope Box will ensure the lid does not come off during transport, and is super helpful to the HFA teams!
- Make sure your box is full!
- Feel free to include a personal letter in your box or decorate the inside lid! Personalization is a great way to spread God's Love.