



20th Annual Arizona Christmas Shoe Box Ministry
For the Pima and Papago Peoples
Distributed by Santan Baptist Church



(This is an ideal ministry for your church or youth group, similar to the “Samaritan’s Purse” ministry but with a local and associational connection.)

When is it due: Deadline for items to the association office is **November 13, 2026.**

Who is this for: We ask you to prepare boxes for **Children and Youth only**, (not adults). Please **affix the prepared label on the end of the box** which indicates the age level for which you prepared your box.

What should I include: We ask you to include a gift of **\$5.00 to help cover shipping**. This should be either placed in an envelope in the box or a church can send a check to cover the expenses. You are also asked to purchase a **plastic shoe box from Walmart or Dollar General Store** in which to place your items. We do ask that you put colored tissue paper inside to cover the items or you wrap the boxes, top and bottom separately so that it is more like a Christmas gift.

The list of items is very similar to the Samaritan’s purse list, but you can also include liquids since these items will not be transported by aircraft, but if you do include liquids, please place the items in a zip-lock bag before packing.

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, hand towel, shampoos, hand lotions, (make-up in girl youth boxes) etc.

OTHER

T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

CANDY OR SUGAR, Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

**If you have any questions you may contact
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