



TREAT THE TROOPS-HOLIDAY CHEER

IOWA COOKIE CRUMBS

The Iowa Cookie Crumbs is a group of volunteers that send homemade goods to troops serving in the military. They are currently working on the Holiday Cheer Package deliveries for troops all over the world.

We are looking for volunteers to help this endeavor by donating homemade cookies! Volunteers may choose to also include notes for the Holiday Cheer Letters.

DUE DATE: Sunday, November 14th by 12 PM (Both the Cookie Packages and Holiday Cheer Letters are due at this time)

DROP OFF DATES & TIMES: Saturday, November 13th from 4-6 PM or Sunday, November 14th from 7 AM-12 PM

Please deliver to the SSM Dining Room- look for the tables labeled Iowa Cookie Crumbs.

Instructions for Cookie Packages:

- There are no restrictions on the type of cookie you bake.
- Under-bake your cookies by approximately 1 minute to preserve freshness.
- Try and make cookies approximately 2 1/2" inches in diameter.
- Bake any time before and freeze. Frozen cookies are welcomed as they will thaw by the time of delivery. This may help you not feel pressured to bake that weekend. Freezing does help so they don't crack or break when they are in the shipping process.
- Have cookies packaged in sandwich bags with ONLY 6 cookies per bag. Place cookies so they make a tube when secured.
 - Use sandwich bags that secure with a twist tie, if possible. If baggies can't be found, ziploc sandwich bags are okay.
 - Goodie Bags from the dollar store work really well and they have twist ties that come with them.
- Label if your cookies contain nuts and/or peanut butter. *It's best to either write directly on the sandwich bag or enclose a paper note inside the bag.

Instructions for Holiday Cheer Letters:

- Please use a half sheet of printer paper for the letters and drawings. (Often times volunteers will cut the paper in half, writing a note on one piece and a drawing on the other. If you are not including drawings, you can write an additional note.)
- Must use paper- do not use actual cards.
- Kids can color what they want and write what they want.
- You can include names and city/state of where you are from. DO NOT include personal home addresses. For example: Jenny Smith, age 12 Omaha, NE.
- The troops will usually send a thank you or a letter in return. DO NOT put a personal home addresses. Instead, please use:

St. Stephen the Martyr/Religious Education Office
16701 S St.
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