



2009 Backpack Project Recommended Timeline

******This year due to greater needs among the children of Lake County and the financial challenges facing all families we are suggesting you consider promoting online orders. It is the least expensive way for families to participate, \$25 each or 3 for \$65, and has multiple delivery options. Your church can still plan its own special distribution event - we will coordinate delivery with and to you. ******

7/8 – 7/10	Your estimated number of Backpacks delivered directly to your church
Sunday - 6/29, 7/12 & 7/19	Bulletin inserts (available online) should be enclosed in each bulletin
Sunday - 6/28 & 7/12	Announcement (available online) made and DVD (provided) shown
Sunday - 7/12, 7/19 & 7/26	Volunteers commit to taking Backpacks and filling with school supplies at very visible sign-up table in lobby. Hang banner (provided) above table. <u>Have equal number of sign-up forms as Backpacks (available online – print double-sided).</u> Remember they are age and color-coded to match the Backpacks: primary/red, elementary/blue, Jr. & Sr. High /charcoal
	Use attached Excel form to create list of participants and send to Jackie Larson at: ShareFest@catalystweb.org
7/19 – 8/2	Volunteers return backpacks to your Church at a visible table/location. Announcements made as needed for reminders
7/20 – 8/1	Call/contact those who have not returned their Backpack
7/19 & 7/26	Take digital pictures of returned Backpacks and send to Jackie Larson at: ShareFest@catalystweb.org . Feel free to get creative, perhaps with children in the picture
8/16	Announcement to congregation reporting results of the 2009 Countywide Backpack Initiative. A PowerPoint presentation will be sent to you via email the week of August 10 th . Please share with your congregation on Sunday, August 16 th

With your help, the Lake County Health Department will distribute up to 2,000 Backpacks filled with school supplies to needy children at their Kids First Health Fair in Waukegan on Wednesday, August 5th. We will also distribute your Backpacks filled with school supplies directly to schools working with Principals and Superintendents. Churches may retain some or all of their Backpacks for their own needy congregation members or distribute to schools and organizations of their choice.

Please send your total number of Backpacks collected and where you delivered them to: ShareFest@catalystweb.org.

This will avoid duplication and help insure distribution to as many needy children as possible.