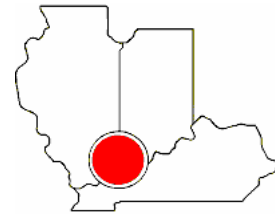


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CMOE HELPS AREA CHILDREN IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

Join cMoe and the Tri-State Food Bank for a food drive to benefit the Backpack - Food for Kids program and receive a special cMoe discount August 11-15. Anyone presenting a food item to the drive will receive half-price admission to cMoe (regularly \$6 per person age 18 months and older). The food drive runs **Tuesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 15 at the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville (cMoe), 22 SE 5th Street, Evansville, IN 47708**. The final day of the drive, Saturday, August 15, will be celebrated with a special Back to School Bash featuring Evansville Otters' players and mascots as well as exciting programming and performances.

The Tri-State Food Bank's Backpack - Food for Kids program targets children at risk of hunger over the weekend. Working in partnership with local agencies and school social workers, the Tri-State Food Bank provides backpacks filled with food for extremely at-risk kids so they will have food over the weekend. Each backpack contains 6 meals and 2 snacks.

Carol Young, cMoe's Executive Director, said, "cMoe is proud to host a food drive to collect items for the Backpack program, especially given the success of our efforts last year. We know children need good nutrition as they learn, both at school and at the Children's Museum, so we're happy to provide half-price admission to those who participate in the food drive."

Nearly 92,000 people in the tri-state live at or below poverty level. Of those, 33.9% are children. Over 9,000 kids in EVSC participate in the free school lunch program. Food bank Director, Mary Blair said, "Children are a special concern as studies show that even mild under-nutrition can decrease learning potential. Many kids rely on the free school lunch during the week, but have no food security over the weekend."

Here is what is needed:

- 100% fruit juice in aseptic packaging
- 2% milk in aseptic packaging
- Oatmeal - Individual packaged servings
- Cereal bars
- Cereal bowls
- Pop-tarts
- Soup
- Peanut butter
- Fruit cups – shelf stable

- Microwave lunch cups
- Entrees (shelf stable), i.e. Lunchables
- Small cans of vegetables and fruits
- Tuna salad kits
- Microwave ravioli, etc.
- Raisins or Trail mix
- Dried fruit
- Crackers
- Apple sauce

Canned items must be pop-top. The Food Bank cannot accept home canned items. Also, glass jars are discouraged due to possible breakage. One discount per item. Offer valid only on items in original store packaging. Regular admission price of \$6 per person aged 18 months and older applies for those without a food item contribution.

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