



Volunteers Needed for South School's Weekend Backpack Program

South School and Rockland District Middle School were the first two schools in AIO's new Weekend Backpack Program this year, but now there are twelve, all over Knox County. Every Friday, 204 children get bags of nutritious food slipped into their backpacks when they're out of the classroom at lunch. After Christmas the number will be 225.

To do that much over such a large area, we need to have each school send a volunteer to the assembly line where we pack the food bags (which takes under an hour) and then haul the filled bags in plastic crates back to their school. For some schools like South, which gets 41 bags, it's good to have two volunteers and their vehicles to do the hauling. It's also good to have extra people to call if needed.

The packing is done at Nativity Lutheran Church on Old County Road, about a mile inland from Route 1 at Glen Cove. If you come, park on the left of the church and walk around to the back.

We pack **every other Thursday morning, starting at 9**. We're done before 10, the cars are loaded with the crates, and off everybody goes – to Warren or South Thomaston or Washington or Owls Head, etc. Our next packing day is **December 17th**.

Can you do this for South School? This program is bringing together lovely people from all over Knox County, building community, and making a difference for a lot of families. Please try to join us.

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