

SCHOOL KITS

FOR WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009



School Kits collected at Annual Conference 2009 will be sent to children in the United States and developing countries around the world.

School Kit Contents:

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper (spiral, 70-80 pages each)
- 1 30 centimeter ruler (12" with metric)
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2 1/2"
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons (only 24)



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School Kit Bag:

Prepare a 14" x 16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and an optional closure (Velcro®, snap or button) and place items in the bag. **Pattern for the bag is on the back side of this flyer.**

Important Kit Assembly Information

- All items included in kits must be NEW items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.
- Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials inside the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- **To each school kit handle, please attach an envelope marked "SHIPPING" containing at least \$1 cash. This donation enables the kits to be sent by the distribution center without delay to areas in need.**

Where To Take Completed Kits:

All West Ohio Conference congregations are invited to bring at least 10 completed school kits to the 2009 Annual Conference, June 7-11, 2009, to be held at Lakeside, Ohio. **The school kits will be laid at the altar in Hoover Auditorium during the Love First Miracle Offering. Our goal is 10,000 completed kits.** A truck from the United Methodist Midwest Mission Distribution Center (www.midwestmissiondc.org) will be at Annual Conference to pick up the kits.

School Kit Bag Pattern



Bag

1. USE HEAVY DUTY FABRIC (not lightweight). Cut 2 pieces of cloth 15" x 19" allowing 1/2" for seams on sides and bottom and 2 1/2" hem at the top. This will give the required finished size 14" x 16".
2. Place the two 15" x 19" pieces of cloth together, right sides together, and sew a 1/2" seam down one side across the bottom and up the other side, leaving the top open.
3. Turn the bag so the seam is inside the bag.
4. Turn under 1/2" of the top edge and stitch.
5. Turn under 2" at the top to form a hem and stitch.

Handles

1. For handles cut 2 pieces 4" x 23".
2. Fold in half the length of one of the 4" x 23" pieces with right sides together. Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance and turn the seam to the inside.
3. Repeat with the second piece of cloth.
4. Place one handle at the top of the bag, turning under 1/2" raw edge of the material and secure by stitching. Repeat with the other piece of cloth making the handle on the opposite side of the bag.

Optional Closure

1. Closures are optional and may be done with buttons, snaps or Velcro.
2. When using Velcro, stitch small pieces of Velcro near the top center inside of the bag, Velcro loops on one side, Velcro hooks on the other.