



Back to School Resource Guide

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Athens County Children Services “Back to School” Events

Athens County Children Services provides back to school parties/events for children enrolled in local schools. These fun and helpful events feature food, games, and school supply giveaways for school-age children in their respective districts. Contact Children Services at 740-592-3061 for additional details. The Back to School Events are sponsored by the School Outreach Program and partnering agencies. Locations and dates for the events are as follows:

<p><u>Alexander Back to School/Open House Party</u> Date: Tue, August 18 (Grades 1 - 5) Time: 5:30 pm to 7 pm Location: Alexander Elementary School</p>	<p><u>The Plains Back to School Party</u> Date: Tue, August 18 (Grades K - 6) Time: 4:30 pm to 6 pm Location: The Plains Elementary School</p>
<p><u>Fed Hock Pay It Forward - Back to School Party/School Supply *</u> Date: Fri, August 7 (Grades Preschool - 12) Time: 5 pm to 7 pm Location: Federal Hocking Middle School/High School</p>	<p><u>Trimble Back to School Supply Raffle</u> Date: Mon, August 10 (Grades Preschool - 8) Time: 5 pm to 7 pm Location: Trimble High School cafeteria</p>
<p><u>Nelsonville-York School District Open House</u> Date: TBA Time: TBA Location: TBA</p>	<p>* School supplies, food, and resource giveaway. First come, first serve. Will be set up like a shopping event.</p>

School Supply and Clothing Giveaways

<p><u>Airline Church of Christ - Operation Backpack</u> Date/Time: 7/20-31/2015 - arrange for pickup appointment Location: 4477 Route 681, Albany, OH 45710 Description: Free school supply giveaway. For more information: 740-698-7041</p>	<p><u>Jason Reed Foundation Backpack and School Supply Giveaway</u> Date/Time: Sat, August 8 at 9 am – 11 am Location: O'Bleness Castrop Center Parking Lot, 75 Hospital Drive, Athens, OH 45701 Description: Free backpack and school supply giveaway.</p>
<p><u>Athens County Children Services - Lace Up For Kids</u> Date: Apply July 6-24 Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm Location: Athens County Children Services Description: Apply for tennis shoes for children ages 5-14. Shoes will be available in August for qualifying children. For more information: Call 740-592-3061 or visit the website at www.athenschilchildrenservices.com</p>	<p><u>Salvation Army Backpack and School Supply Giveaway</u> Dates/Time: July 6-31 (or until supplies run out), Mon-Thu 9 am – 2 pm to enroll; Distribution will be in early August. Location: 900 East State Street, Athens, OH 45701 Description: Provides free backpacks and school supplies. For more information: 740-593-7082 Eligibility: School child must be resident of Athens County or Meigs County with household income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline. If child's school district has a backpack program also, contact the school district's backpack program first.</p>
<p><u>Christ Community Wesleyan Church School Supply Giveaway</u> Date/Time: Thu, August 13 at 6 pm (tentative) Location: 6275 Kenney Memorial Lane, Albany, OH 45710 Description: Free school supply giveaway. For more information: 740-593-7240</p>	
<p><u>Friends and Neighbors Community Center Backpack and School Supply Giveaway</u> Date/Time: Tue, Wed, Fri 10 am – 4 pm throughout the year Location: 24576 Parkersburg Road, Coolville, OH 45723 Description: Provides free backpacks and school supplies. Clothing is also available for individuals in need. For more information: 740-667-0684 Eligibility: Must be a resident of Athens, Gallia, Meigs, Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, Washington, or Wood County.</p>	



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Additional Resources – Thrift Stores

Thrift stores sell secondhand and donated goods at a reduced price. School supplies, backpacks, and clothing may be available at the following locations (stock changes frequently). Call ahead for more information or to ask about current stock.

<p><u>Athens ReUse Thrift Store</u> Address: 100 North Columbus Road, Athens, OH 45701 Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am – 6 pm For more information: 740-594-5103</p>	<p><u>Little Blessings Thrift Store (Faith Believers Ministry)</u> Address: 8070 State Route 356, New Marshfield, OH 45766 Hours: Mon & Thu, 9 am – 2 pm For more information: 740-664-3508</p>
<p><u>Federal Valley Resource Center</u> Address: 8191 State Route 329, Stewart, OH 45778 Hours: Thu-Sat 10 am – 3 pm For more information: 740-662-5605</p>	<p><u>Mother Earth Community Thrift</u> Address: 5 North Shafer Street, Athens, OH 45701 Hours: Mon-Fri 10 am – 6 pm; Sat 10 am – 5 pm. For more information: 740-249-4143</p>
<p><u>Goodwill</u> Address: 743D East State Street, Athens, OH 45701 Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am – 8 pm; Sun 10 am – 6 pm For more information: 740-592-4105</p>	<p><u>New to You</u> Address: 90 Columbus Road, Athens, OH 45701 Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am – 5:30 pm For more information: 740-592-1842</p>

Donation Opportunities

<p><u>Airline Church of Christ</u> Description: Accepts backpacks, school supplies, or money for purchasing school supplies and backpacks. Drop-Off Locations: Call Minister Willard Love at 740-698-7041, or send donations to Airline Church of Christ, P.O. Box 202, Albany, OH 45701</p>	<p><u>Community Bank Nelsonville</u> Date/Time: M-F 8:30am-5:00 pm; Sa 8:30am-Noon Location: 873 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764 Description: School supply donations accepted until 8/30/15 For more information: 740-753-4313</p>
<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> Description: Athens County Children Services accepts donations of new/unused school supplies or money to buy school supplies. Also accepts new tennis shoes or money for Lace Up For Kids Program. Drop-Off Locations: Call 740-592-3061 for information.</p>	<p><u>Friends and Neighbors Community Center</u> Description: Accepts backpack and school supply donations as well as clothing donations Drop-Off Locations: Call 740-667-0684 for information.</p>
<p><u>Community Bank Amesville</u> Date/Time: MTuWF 8:30am-3 pm; Th 8:30am-Noon Location: 25 State Street, Amesville, OH 45711 Description: School supply donations accepted until 8/30/15 For more information: 740-448-2212</p>	<p><u>Hopewell Health Centers (REACH Program)</u> Description: Accepts school supply donations for area youth who are part of the REACH program through Hopewell Health Centers, Inc. Drop-Off Locations: To arrange donations 740-589-5132</p>
<p><u>Community Bank Glouster</u> Date/Time: MTuWF 8:30am-4:30pm; ThSa 8:30am-Noon Location: 88 High Street, Glouster, OH 45732 Description: School supply donations accepted until 8/30/15 For more information: 740-767-3121</p>	<p><u>Salvation Army</u> Date/Time: M-Th 8 am-4 pm Location: 900 East State Street, Unit 3, Athens, OH 45701 Description: School supply donations or money to buy supplies. For more information: 740-593-7082</p>



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<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> <u>Foster Parent Training Child Care Volunteers</u> Date: TBA Time: TBA Location: Athens County Children Services Description: Hang out with children in foster care. Toys, games, and crafts provided. Weather permitting, outdoor play will be available. Call 740-592-3061 for more information.</p>	<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> <u>Trimble Back to School Carnival and Supply Raffle</u> Date: Mon, August 10 Time: 3 pm to 8 pm Location: Trimble High School Description: Set up, help give out school supplies, run games and activities, serve food, and clean up. Call 740-592-3061 for more information.</p>
<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> <u>Kids Day at the Athens County Fair</u> Date: Wed, August 5 Time: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Location: Athens County Fair Description: Help run games and activities. Call 740-592-3061 for more information.</p>	

School Start Days for Students

<u>School District</u>	<u>2015-2016 Student Start Date</u>	<u>School Web Site</u>
Alexander Local Schools	Wed, August 19, 2015	www.alexanderschools.org
Athens City Schools	Wed, August 19, 2015	www.athenscsd.org
Federal Hocking Local Schools	Wed, August 19, 2015	www.fedhock.com
Nelsonville-York City Schools	Wed, August 26, 2015	www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us
Trimble Local Schools	Thu, August 13, 2015	www.trimble.k12.oh.us

Ohio Tax Holiday on School Supplies

S.B. 243 enacted a one-time sales tax holiday in Ohio to occur beginning Friday, August 7, 2015 at 12:01 am and ending Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 11:59 pm. Items that are tax exempt include clothing priced at \$75 per item or less, school supplies priced at \$20 per item or less, and school instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less. For more information, visit www.tax.ohio.gov/sales_and_use/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx or call 800-304-3211 (TTY: 800-750-0750).