

September 20, 2013

Dear Community Business

The Beaver River Middle and High School Student Council has selected Beaver River Central School to bring The Backpack Food Program to their families. This pilot program is focused on ensuring students have nutritious food over the weekend during the normal school year. Beaver River Central School was selected because 80% of those students are at or below the poverty level.

The Backpack Food Program will provide backpacks filled with healthy food choices for students over the weekend. The meals provided are to encourage healthy eating habits for the families. Some of the items will be whole grains and fruits, consisting of vitamin-fortified 100% juice and decreased overall fat content.

The backpacks will be distributed to children at school on Fridays. Each backpack will provide child-friendly, nutritious, easy-to-prepare, non-perishable foods that can easily be consumed by the students. The backpack will contain healthful foods such as fruit cups, juice, crackers, beef stew, ravioli, cereal, raisins, pudding, granola bars, etc.

The program will:

- Alleviate the stress of parents over additional costs for food over the weekend;
- Provide food for the families for the weekend so they are not hungry;
- Assist in healthier eating.

The Beaver River Student Council is asking for your help with this project. As you can imagine, the cost of food adds up quickly and we plan to offer this program to all students that attend Beaver River Central School. We would love for your business to participate by donating money or items for this great cause. You can help by holding food drives with your staff, etc. Anything you are able to collect or donate, will be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the enclosed form to let us know if you and your agency are able to help. Please return the form by Friday, October 4th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shannon Bourcy
Guidance Counselor

Enclosure



Beaver River Middle and High School Student Council

The Backpack Program

Yes, our business/agency would like to participate.

Agency/Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Will be holding a food drive: _____

No, our business/agency is unable to participate at this time.

Please make checks payable to

Beaver River Student Council

PO Box 179

Beaver Falls, NY 13305

Please make a note on your check it is for the Backpack Program.

Drop off location for Beaver River Central School's Weekend Back Pack Food Program

Each backpack will provide child-friendly, nutritious, easy-to-prepare, non perishable foods that can easily be consumed by the students.

The Beaver River Middle and High School Student Council is looking for the following healthful food donations such as:

Fruit cups	Juice
Crackers	Beef Stew
Ravioli	Cereal
Raisins	Pudding
Granola Bars	Tuna Fish
Oatmeal	etc.

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Thank you for your donation!

For more information on this program,
please contact the Beaver River Middle and High
School Student Council at 346-1211.