

Prison Christmas Sack Info 2014

The needs for 2014 are as follows:



1. Homemade Fudge - Recipe is enclosed with this letter. The recipe and wrapping instructions must be followed *exactly*, otherwise the fudge will not be allowed in the prison! *Please mark the number of pieces of fudge on the outside of your container.*



2. Handmade Cards - Preschools, youth groups, Sunday school and confirmation students are invited to make cards. *Please note guidelines for card making are enclosed and must also be followed exactly or the cards may be rejected.*

We are in serious need of many cards.



3. Money – Donations for purchasing peanuts, hard candy, candy canes and sacks are always highly appreciated and can be sent to:

CHRISTMAS SACKS
c/o St. Dysmas
1300 E. 10th St.
Sioux Falls SD 57103-1779

Cards and fudge can be delivered to any of the following locations:

Monday, December 15 through Friday, December 19, 2014 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Eastside Lutheran Church
1300 E 10th Street
Sioux Falls SD 605 338 1735
Preferably North Door Entrance But All Entrances Should Be Open

Monday, December 15 through Friday, December 19, 2014 9:00AM – 4:00PM
St Michael Catholic Church
1600 S Marion Road
Sioux Falls SD 605 361 1600
Main Entrance A

Monday, December 15 through Friday, December 19, 2014 8:00AM – 4:30PM
Christ the King Lutheran Church
305 W 25th
Yankton SD 605 665 8848

Thursday, December 18 through Friday, December 19, 2014 9:00AM – 5:00PM
St. Benedict Parish
1500 St Benedict Drive
Yankton SD 605 664 6214

Monday, December 15 through Friday, December 19, 2014 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Benedictine Multicultural Center
2500 5th St Se
Watertown, SD 57201 (605) 878-2021

Thank you in advance to all who help with this project. For many of the inmates this is the only gift or card they receive during the holidays and they are extremely grateful to the many people who work to provide them!

2014 - Inmate Christmas Sack Program Christmas Cards from Children

Cards from children of our community have been an integral part of the Inmate Christmas Sack program since its beginning. Most of the inmates are parents or grandparents themselves and the inclusion of a card from a child carries a meaningful message of inclusion and acceptance for the inmate recipient. Because the prison has strict policies for items coming into the prison the following guidelines will assist those directing this program in our schools, churches and families:

- **CHILDREN ONLY** - The Inmate Christmas Sack program will only accept cards from children, preferably in the lower elementary grades. Adults may certainly assist small children in making their cards but the cards should come from the child. (*Adults or parish groups are encouraged to send personal cards to inmates from their community or inmates they know.*)
- **HAND MADE** - The Inmate Christmas Sack program will only accept hand created cards. Computer created cards may be a fun project for the child making the card but they are essentially without meaning for the inmate receiving them. A hand created card sends an entirely different and more positive message of thoughtfulness and sincerity.
- **MESSAGE** - The Inmate Christmas Sack program is a Christian sponsored effort so the messages within the cards should be a simple Christmas greeting and appropriate good wishes for the season. There should be no overtones of judgment or harshness. Proselytizing messages are not acceptable. The cards may not contain tracts or pictures or any other enclosure. The child should sign the card with a **first name only**. No identifying information can be included.
- **SIZE** – Cards need to fit into the sacks. Please make the card 5½”x 4” (half sheets of standard size paper folded once).
- **MATERIALS** – The prison has strict rules about materials allowed into the prison. Cards for this program must not use stickers, glitter, tape, ribbon or glue. The cards should only contain drawings, coloring and writing. Nothing else may be attached to the card. No envelopes are allowed.
NOTE: All cards not following these restrictions cannot be given to inmates and will have to be discarded.
- **ADULT SUPERVISION** - Children have vivid imaginations and a small child may be frightened about sending something with their name on it to the prison. Adult supervision for the card program is needed to reassure any such children and to reinforce the positive spirit of the program. A responsible adult must review each card for appropriateness before submitting it to the program. An inappropriate message, innocent or mischievous, can do a lot of harm.
- **DROP OFF SITES** – Cards from children for the Christmas Sack program are to be dropped off at the same sites for the fudge drop off. The drop off sites and times will indicated in the cover letter for this program invitation.

Thank you for your interest in our Inmate Christmas Sack Program. We look forward to your participation and the inmates look forward to their cards.

Chaplains Advisory Committee
SD State Penitentiary

2014 FUDGE RECIPE

SD Penitentiary Inmates Christmas Sack Program

NOTE: This recipe must be followed exactly. Any variations will not be allowed inside the prison.

1½ sticks butter or margarine

½ lb. Velveeta cheese

2 lbs. powdered sugar

½ cup unsweetened dry cocoa

1 tbsp. vanilla

½ cup chopped walnuts

½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

- In a large saucepan, melt cheese, chocolate chips, and butter together. Stir together until smooth. Remove from heat and add vanilla and nuts.
- In a large bowl, stir together sugar and cocoa. Add melted cheese mixture. Mix well. The candy may be very stiff and mixing with gloved hands may be necessary.
- Press the candy evenly in a 9 x 13 inch pan coated lightly with nonstick spray.
- Cool and cut into 24 pieces. Wrap each piece in plastic wrap. **(No plastic bags – not allowed in the prison.)**