

MUHLENBERG COUNTY

FOOD FOR KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

- Did you know that over 170 Muhlenberg County youth depend upon their weekend foods being provided by our Food for Kids Backpack Program?
- Did you know that children who are suffering from food insecurity do not perform well academically, display unacceptable behavior and have poor attendance in school due to illness or reasons unexcused?
- Did you realize that the funds to purchase the foods for the program must be raised locally?
- Foods to supply a weekly backpack for 1 student for the school year costs \$160, and that's buying the food from "Feeding America" at a greatly reduced price.
- If you do the math you see that we must raise \$28,000.00 to support this program for the next school year.
- Our 4-H Teen Club initiated the Food for Kids Backpack Program over 15 years ago, we deliver the backpacks to school on a weekly basis, and spearhead an annual fundraising effort, which as you can imagine is a monumental task.
- Our 4-H Teen Club will be hosting an exciting winter event to raise funds for the program, which we hope you will support.
- On February 15, 2025, we'll be conducting our annual Penguin Plunge! This event hopefully will motivate individuals, clubs, organizations, businesses, church groups, whomever to participate in the fundraising effort. Come up with a theme. Dress up. Have fun with it. Anyone raising \$160, enough to sponsor one child, is invited to take the "plunge" into the icy waters. This is great incentive, and great fun. OF COURSE one doesn't have to take the plunge to participate. Maybe you could challenge your group to raise so many dollars to "NOT take the plunge."
- Of course financial contributions are welcome at any time and can be mailed to or dropped off at the UK Extension Office (3690 State Route 1380 Central City, KY 42330) with checks being made to the Muhlenberg 4-H Backpack Program.



Penguin Plunge for *Food for Kids Backpack Program*

FEBRUARY 15, 2025 | 10:00 AM | Central City Convention Center Pool

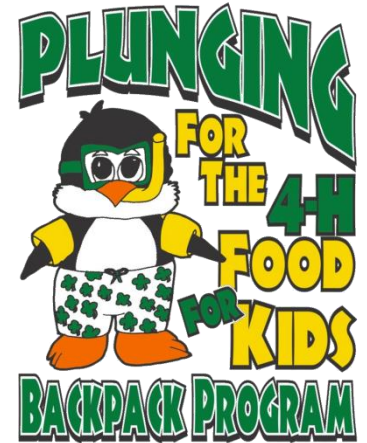
Name: _____
(Individual/Team Name)

Team Members: _____

Address: _____
(Individual or Team Captain)

Phone: _____
(Individual or Team Captain)

Organization: _____
(Club/ Group/Business Name)



Monies may be turned in to the Muhlenberg County Extension Office or at the event.

Donor's Name/Address	Contribution
Goal-At least 1 Backpack, \$160.00/per participating	
Total:	

Make checks payable to: Muhlenberg 4-H Backpack Program.
If possible, please submit to the UK Extension Office by February 14, 2025.

