

# Reading Recreation Commission seeks donations to help students

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The Reading Recreation Commission is looking for some help to send students back to school prepared.

The commission will be holding its annual Back to School Bonanza at the Third and Spruce Recreation Center on Aug. 27. The event distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to students and offers gently-worn school clothes for \$1, provides low-cost haircuts for boys and girls and distributes a variety of personal hygiene products.

Recreation commission officials said they have 134 backpacks ready to go, but are anticipating a need for between 200 and 250.

They're turning to the community for help.

The commission is asking for donations, and is in desperate need for:

- Gender-neutral backpacks for high school students.
- Backpacks for elementary school boys.
- Three-ring binders.
- Notebook paper.
- Pens.
- Personal hygiene products (body wash, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner).
- Reading school district uniforms, boys and girls, all sizes. (Khaki, black or navy pants, polo shirts with a collar in white, red, blue, yellow or light blue).

Anyone wishing to donate can call 610-655-6203 or simply drop them off at the Third and Spruce Recreation Center, 320 S. 3rd St. by Aug. 24.