

SHARING TREE NEWS

The Camanche Sharing Tree is designed to provide low-income families and/or those undergoing financial hardships during the holiday season with Christmas gifts and food baskets. To be eligible you must be within the Camanche School District or attending Camanche Schools.

This year River Bend Foodbank is requesting that each family complete a Household Income Guideline form to be eligible for the food baskets. Several of the food items included in the food baskets are purchased from the Foodbank.

If you need our help, please fill out and mail the downloaded form from your email or the school website (www.camanche.k12.ia.us) to Camanche Sharing Tree, P. O. Box 171, Camanche, IA 52730, no later than November 9th. Blank forms will also be available at Clinton National Bank Camanche Branch, Citizens First Bank – Camanche Branch and at 1st Gateway Credit Union. **NO FORMS WILL BE MAILED.**

The Sharing Trees are located at the Clinton National Bank, Citizens First Bank in Camanche and 1st Gateway Credit Union they will have the bear tags placed on them with a number for each family plus the age, size of the child, and the gift request, if there is something special wanted by the child. No names will appear on the trees or will be available to the public. Members of the community who are blessed with the Christmas Spirit will take the bear tags, purchase and wrap the gifts, and return them with the bear tag attached to the Christmas trees at the banks.

Food baskets and gifts may be picked up on Tuesday, December 18th, from 9:00 a.m. until NOON and from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Food baskets should be picked up first at the new Camanche Community Center located at 323 9th Avenue, Camanche and the gift items can be picked up at the Masonic Lodge in Camanche located on the corner of 9th Avenue and 3rd Street. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Sincerely,
 Camanche Sharing Tree Committee
 P. O. Box 171
 Camanche, IA 52730

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN

1. **Name** _____ 2. If you do not have a phone, please list a number at which you can be reached.

Address _____

Phone _____

3. Would your family like to receive gifts from the Christmas Sharing Tree? **YES** _____ **NO** _____
4. Would you like to receive a Christmas food basket? **YES** _____ **NO** _____ (If yes, please sign food form.)
5. Please give age, size information, gift request and school attending for each child. The special gift should be in the \$15.00/\$20.00 range. School age children must be enrolled in school to receive a gift.

<u>Student Name (First & Last)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Girl or Boy</u>	<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Size needed (in child or adult)</u>	<u>Gift Request</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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6. Other Information/Special Needs: