



IODE Canada *EXPRESS NEWS*



IODE Snack Pack

The Board of Directors is constantly working to improve IODE business practice and this year has decided that the funds in the IODE Snack Pack account on December 31, 2021, and confirmed by our auditors, will be the only funds available for IODE Snack Pack in 2022.

Currently the account has about half as much money as needed to continue the full program in September 2022. We need donations now. On October 31, chapter donations are about half what we would usually have this time of year and it is understood that the pandemic has made fundraising difficult.

Please make chapter and personal donations to IODE Snack Pack before mid December. Personal donations over \$20 receive a tax receipt. Consider making a Christmas gift of an IODE Snack Pack donation to friends and family.

Finally, if you are going to shop at Indigo/Chapters/Coles/Smith Books please purchase an Indigo gift card through the IODE website and use it to shop. Fifteen *percent* of the face value of your gift cards will be donated by Indigo to IODE Snack Pack. Again, remember this option with Christmas gifts, cards, etc.

Most of the schools that we serve can only be reached by ferry or airplane. People living in these communities have to plan and purchase the majority of their food for the year before the ice closes in and terminates ferry service. Only two of our communities have grocery stores. The school food programs that we run in our home communities benefit from our being able to drop by a store and pick up items for our schools when they are on sale and over the course of a whole year. IODE Snack Pack is ordered in consultation with principals in April and May; purchased by our partner Wholesaler in June and July; shrink wrapped and sent by ferry to the participating communities when school opens in September.

Effective use will be made of every cent you send to the IODE Snack Pack Fund. Donations received late for this year will be used in 2023.

Founded in 1900, IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community services and citizenship programs. For more information about our organization and charitable work, please visit our website.

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