

Straight from Santa's Mailbag

In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to share these heartwarming letters from Santa's youngest fans



Dear Santa,
My name is Albany. I am 7 years old. This year for Christmas I would like Bluey, Squishmallows stuff. Please bring my mom and dad and the cats some presents.
Love Albany

that it's real. Thank you Santa Claus.
We Love You!
Dear Santa,
I would like an or-beez gun and a guitar for Christmas.
Love Zyaire Crews Age 6

leave you cookies and milk under the tree. I will also leave carrots for the reindeer.
Love, Kendall Roberts Age 3

enjoyed them. This year I would like a Hotwheels car Tower, Cooking set to help my parents cook and fun learning games. Please remember my little sister. We'll be sure to leave milk and cookies under the tree for you and carrots for your reindeer.
Love, Clinton James

Cuno I am 9 years old. For Christmas this year I want a stitch squishmallow and a friendship lamp like my best friend. And a whiteboard and makers for it and one eraser for

it too. Oh and don't forget about my sisters and cousins please I want them to get presents too.
From: Oakley Cuno

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Dear Santa,
I want a basket for my cars because I have too many. Santa, can I have a punching bag and gloves. I am thankful for you and your silly elf.
Love from Tanner

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. My name is Ellie and I am 3 years old. I have really tried to be a good girl for Christmas I would like a new Care bear, some new clothes, and lastly some magnet ties. I will leave cookies and milk under the tree for you Santa.
P.S. Please remember my good friend Ara.
Love your little Buddy, Ellie Lierheimer

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a cat carrier this year. I will leave cookies and milk under the tree. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.
Love, Keaten Roberts Age 7

Dear Santa,
It's Ruth and this is my First Christmas. I'm 4 months old this year. I have tried to be good little girl. My Mom and Dad say I have done really good! This year I would like a stuffed animal, a toy to help me sit up, or anything you think a little girl would like. Please remember by big brother. We'll be sure to leave milk and cookies under the tree for you and carrots for your reindeer.
Love, Ruth James

Christmas Potpourri

JAR INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup fresh cranberries
- 1 orange (sliced)
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tablespoon cloves
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg



INSTRUCTIONS:

To fill your home with a delicious holiday scent: bring 3 cups of water plus jar contents to a simmer over low heat, uncovered, in a small pot. Check the water periodically and add more if it starts to get low.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, I was hoping for face mask and make-up for my vanity. I also would like a reindeer toy. I have been good this year. Thank you for bringing the toys to me.
Love Ella

Dear Santa,
I would like an owala water bottle and clothes for Christmas.
Love Sydney Crews Age 9

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents from last year, I loved them all. For Christmas this year I would like new clothes because I'm growing so fast, a guinea Pig, and Arts & craft supplies. Please take good care of my sisters, brother, and our puppies too!
Love, Courtney Lyn Smith - 9 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like a pet fish. I would like a baby alive I would like makeup.
Love, Emmy

Dear Santa Claus,
Your elf is doing good. We like him and I am going to make a book about him and give it to you when I see you.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a cat carrier this year. I will

Thank you for my presents last year! I really

My name is Oakley

Merry Christmas

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I want, nerf gun, 20-Pokemon cards, gold pokemon cards, colone, Toy dog that walks and bark, Ninja kids merch (hoodie).
Austin Cross

To Santa,
I want a gaming pc, money, clothes, fornite, v-bucke cards, beasets, leb lighs a new tv elf on the elf.
Haddon Pike

Hi Santa,
Stanley cup, a bottles glue, hottl achinata, squishmellow, ime touy-lor mech.
Reagan

Dear Santa,
I am 10 years old and my name is Skylynn. I would like a 3 foot long plush, oversized snuggle animal and a cra-z art slimy studio and a make-up and skin care.
Thank you From Skylynn

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Arabella Chaney I'm 2 years old Mom, Dad say I'm a handfl since I'm going through terrible two's. I think I'm a good little girl. This year for Christmas I would like a Ms Rachel doll, a big firetruck, a nerf gun and a elsa toy. Santa please don't forget my dog lola girl she's been

good and please don't forget my cousins they have tried to be good.

P.S. Mom say we will leave cookies for you, carrots for your deer. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love Arabella Chaney

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Ivory Heron. I am 4 years old. I wishing for a few things this Christmas: 1. Barbie Chelsea Horses 2. Bootsie (kitten) wants toys 3. Chippy (the puppy) wants toys 4. Butters wants treats 5. Chickens want treats 6. Horse toys (for Ivory) I have been very good this year.
Love Ivory Herron

Dear Santa,
Hello I've been okay this year, and I want to know what you do when your at the north pole! I think you would bathe in hot chocolate and go to the gym. But I don't think it helped with the cookie fat though. This year I want only a few things: space stickers, a sketchbook, and... um nothing else.
P.S. Can you let me bathe in your hot chocolate pool?
Kindly Baylor Pappas

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryson I am 5 years old. I live in Mexico, MO. This year I have been I did my best. For Christmas this year,

I would like: nerf gun, drink packs, tablet, candy-hot tamales, basketball set and airplane.

Merry Christmas! Enjoy your milk and cookies!
Love Bryson

Dear Santa,
My name is James I am 7 years old. I live in Mexico. This year I have been nice. This year I would like to have: a crazy elf, a soccer kit, remote control car, 3 stacks of paper, a foldable flight book, and sling shot.
Merry Christmas!
Thank you, Santa! Your Friend, James Lightsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Ellie I am 4 years old. I live Mexico. This year I have been nice. This year I would like to have: baby doll with a cute dress, unicorn bow, princess bow, princess water bottle and pink camera.
Merry Christmas!
Thank you, Santa! Your Friend, Ellie Lightsey

Santa,
I want a picture of my family and I want a doll a elf on the shelf.
From Grace

Dear Santa,
I want a goglle watch and a micphone and for my mom wants a new coat and my dad wants tools. How is the north pole?
Love Riley Coil

Dear Santa,
My name is Adaelynne I am 4 years old I live in Mexico, MO. This year I have ben nice. This year I would like to have: a black scooter with flashing lights.
Merry Christmas!
Thank you, Santa! Your Friend, Adaelynne

Dear Santa,
My name is Allie Bennett. I am 9 years old. I live in Mexico, MO. This year I have been I did my best. For Christmas this year, I would like: make-up, skin care, perfume, claw clips, nerd gummies, gymnasies mat, lotion.
Merry Christmas! Enjoy your milk and cookies!
Allie Bennett

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddie Bennett. I am 7 years old. I live in Mexico, MO. This year I have been I did my best. For Christmas this year, I would like: purple stanley and clothes, makeup, candy, gummies, mini fridge.
Merry Christmas! Enjoy your milk and cookies!
Maddie Bennett

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn. I am 2 years old. I live in Mexico, MO. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like: a baby doll, pjs, boots, clothes.
Merry Christmas! Enjoy your milk and cookies!
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Quinn and I am 2 years old. Thank you for my gifts last year! I have been a good girl this year, just as my family. This for Christmas I would like baby dolls, anything Bluey, cocomelon, or Minnie Mouse. Please don't forget my sister Paisley and two fur siblings, Teddie and Stormy.
Love, Quinn Nilges 2024

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for my gifts last year! This year I would like yummy land, gummy snacks (please

no sour ones), Rainbow High dolls, Bluey stuff, miniverse, and books. Please don't forget my sister Quinn and fur siblings, Teddie and Stormy.
Love, Paisley 2024

Dear Santa,
Could I have some presents please because I've been super good. Black boots, paint pens, flare pants, a CD player, and stick on haik. I would also like some candy. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love Emmy!!!! Also you are the best!

Dear Santa,
I'm 10 years old I have a brother name Peanut. I really want a Australian shepherd that's a puppy. All I want, dog toys, dog bed, dog food and I will love it so much and so I can read better and with the dog it will be the best Chrissmss ever.
Frum Jaylen Muro

Dear Santa,
We have been good this year for Christmas, I want a doll desk and chair, doll school supplies, and accessories. Owen wants a lot of new Jurassic dinosaurs. We also love candy! Don't forget our puppies Lucy and Bella. We will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Charleigh and Owen Lewis

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like Riddell red speed flex helmet, air pods, iPhone, beats and a Meta Quest mini football visor. I would also like Prime and Takis I'll be sure to leave out cookies and milk for you.
Braelyn Age 9

Dear Santa,
Hi again! It's me, Abby! We have a met a

few times. Thank you so much for the fun tent you brought me last year! This year, if you don't mind, I would love to have a cool kitchen so I can cook like mommy and daddy, and I have seen a big girl bike I really want to learn to ride! I know you won't forget but my big cousin Charlotte has been really good this year too. I promise to leave milk and cookies on the table for you!
Love, Abby Miller Age 2

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you're raindeer ready for Christmas? More importantly are you ready for Christmas? For Christmas I would like uggs, a diamond art making kit, a pink ping pong puff hoodie, ELF lip gloss, Airpods, and frezzed dried candy. Thank you!
P.S. Thank you for bringing us a dog last year! She is the best.
Love, Penelope

Dear Santa,
My name is Brayla Early. Thank you for all the things you brought me last year. This year I would like a camera, spirit Horses, things for my Gabby Doll House and a trampoline. Please don't forget my big brother Jaren and all my family & friends. I will leave you a treat and some carrots for the deer.
P.S. I will b at Jeremy & Aaron's house
Love your Friend, Brayla Early Age 7



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Dear Santa,

My name is Charlotte Higgins. I'm writing this letter to tell you my Christmas list this year. I would really like a baby doll but not just any baby doll I want her to look just like me! Net up I really want Legos so I can build super tall towers. Lastly, I would like books, story books to be exact. Books help me learn and make me super smart. I have been very nice this year. I can't wait to make cookies and leave milk for you next to our tree. We might even make something for our raindeer!

P.S. I blew a Kiss to Mrs. Claus

Your very nice friend,
Charlotte

Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa! You are the best in the whole wide world. For Christmas I would like an Elsa calendar, a Namaari costume (with necklace), a new Ken doll with Ken clothes, and some new jewelry. What is your favorite cookie? I will leave you sugar ones. Thank you for working hard for me. You are nice. I love you.

Love, Winnie Age 4

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Thank you for giving us elves. How many cookies do you usually eat when you give presents to everyone? For Christmas, can I have the game Sink-n-Sand, another Switch remote, a fidget called a pea popper, a Santa bell, an elf

that copies you whatever you say, and last a really good Christmas. That is all that I remember that I want.

P.S. Thank you for the dog last year. She is really really great.

Love, Gulliver Age 7

Dear Santa,

My name is Cameron. I am 9 years old. I live in Mexico, Missouri, far from the North Pole. The best things about me this year are I am good at art. I am kind, and the best at math in my class. My Christmas wish is to get a trampoline. I need new pants. I like to wear my Gorilla tea shirt. I like to read chapter books. My favorite snack is mini starbursts. Thank you for being kind.

Sincerely,
Cameron Jimenez

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Emma, and I hope you're doing well at the North Pole. I don't really want much this year but I do have a couple of special wishes. First I'd love for the Mizzou Tigers and Texas Longhorns to win their football games. It would make so many people I love happy, and its something I've been hoping for! More than anything, though, I want good health for my family. They mean the world to me, and I want them to stay happy and strong. I hope you and Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer have a wonderful Christmas, too.

Love Emma, age 1

A little rain couldn't dampen Auxvasse's holiday spirit

By SKY STRAUSS
Editor

The Auxvasse Annual Holiday Parade, which had been scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m., was canceled due to weather, but instead of forgoing the holiday festivities altogether, they just skipped straight to the after-party.

Everyone was invited to the Auxvasse Community Center at 702 S. Main St. by the City of Auxvasse Park Board for pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, cookies and crafts as promised.

"I don't think the rain hurt it at all," says Eldora Lowry who was mixing up another batch of hot chocolate. "I think we'll serve about 200 cups today."

Hot Chocolate, coffee and water was provided by the Auxvasse Lions Club who were also passing out the cookies provided by Casey's General Store and Show-Me Oil.

The Police Chief Kevin Suedmeyer was passing out teddy bears to all the children who came in, setting up shop next to the Auxvasse Fire Department who passed out goodie bags full of candy.

The decision to cancel the parade was a tough one made by Mayor Red Wenneker, also head of the Park Board along with his wife Carrie who orchestrated the indoor event.

"This is sick weather; I would have still had the parade, but wet kids and wet candy just didn't sound fun," Carrie explains.

This is the Wennekers' fourth year doing the event and it grows every year.

"We have a lot more people giving stuff out this year," says Carrie. "We have three churches and the fire department and the police department and a lot more gifts to give out this year."

A line was wrapped around the community center,

and children waited eagerly to see Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Each child also received a gift from Santa's elves Jessica Delashmutt and Caleb Griffin.

The presents were donated by members of the community and purchased by the Parks Board.

There were also three local churches in attendance: Auxvasse Presbyterian, Auxvasse Christian Church and New Testament Christian Church who had an entire ornament painting station set up.

"I really didn't expect this many kids!" says Michele Hanson, the pastor's wife. "I think we're going to run out."

As the rain persisted, children and their families continued to trickle in to the community center all afternoon, just happy to be there.



The Grinch was having a hard time stealing Christmas with the Chief of Police and Fire Department and local media all in attendance. [Sky Strauss]



Sitting on Santa's lap is a lot more fun with your cousin by your side. [Sky Strauss]



Mayor Red Wenneker and his wife Carrie, orchestrated this community holiday party and enjoyed the smiling faces all around them. [Sky Strauss]

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Annual Christmas Bazaar held

The Mexico Activity and Nutrition Center hosted their annual Christmas Bazaar in the community room on Dec. 7. The holiday lunch, which opened at 10 a.m., was serving up homemade cheesy potato soup, chili, spiced apples, veggies, and pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream. All the while, the bake sale and silent auction were in full swing. Santa and Mrs. Claus were also there passing out goodies making sure to take note of all the Christmas wish lists. [Sky Strauss]

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