



Ricochet is a leadership program for students in grades 5-8. Through activities, students explore 5 dimensions of leadership: information, attitudes, communication, decision-making, and stress management. The group practices these skills by developing a project to support the local community. Please read about their food drive project.

Food Drive Project

WHAT: Collection of non-perishable food items and products to support two local pantries including the Ames Community School District and Ames Food at First.

Recommended and most often needed pantry items: Canned fruit, cereal, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned beans/meat, rice, cooking/baking supplies, instant items, mashed potatoes, dried milk, etc. Diapers, need large sizes, baby wipes, soaps, bar, hand, dish, detergent, laundry detergent, paper products, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, napkins.

WHEN: Donations are being collected from February 14-March 7. Donations collected will be distributed between the two pantries on March 7.

WHERE: Donations can be dropped off at the following locations during business hours or designated times.

- Ames Middle School office, 3915 Mortenson Rd in Ames, IA 50014
- Story County Extension and Outreach, 1421 S Bell Ave., Suite 107, Ames, IA 50010
- Fareway Grocery store, 619 Burnett Ave, Ames, IA 50010
- Ames Food at First Pantry, 611 Clark Ave, Ames, IA 50010 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am – 7 pm or Fridays from Noon – 7 pm.

Questions, contact Mary Wilkins, Youth Outreach Coordinator, at 515-337-1601 or mwilkins@iastate.edu

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