

Community Service Project Information

Operation Huggables and Soldier Care Packages are on-going Community Service Projects of Milam County 4-H. Items can be dropped off at the Milam County Extension Office throughout the year.

For more information contact: Milam County Extension Office—100 E. 1st Street in Cameron—254-697-7045.

Operation Huggables

Operation Huggables is collecting stuffed animals that are donated to children of military families who have a parent being deployed overseas. Donate your new or gently used stuffed animals to help the military youth.

Soldier Care Package Items

Soldier Care Packages are being sent throughout the year to soldiers in need. Your donations are appreciated. Here is a list of requested items.

Some Ideas to Send

Food, Snacks and Drinks

Beef Jerky – Slim Jims

Coffee (Ground or whole; instant or drip, Ground is preferred)

Powder Drink Mix (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light)

Sunflower Seeds and Pumpkin Seeds

Tuna and Chicken Salad (in foil pouches, or ready-to-eat kits (no cans)

Protein Power and Protein Bars

Chocolate Products accepted from OCTOBER through MARCH (it will melt in high temperatures!)

Hot Chocolate packets, Herbal teas

Hard pretzels, Cheetos, Fritos, Chex Mix, Wheat Thins, Ritz

Gum, Hard Candy (must be individually wrapped in large bags)

Granola Bars, Power Bars, Cereal Bars, Cliff Bars
Fig Newtons, Oreos, Cheese and Crackers (small packs)
Trail Mix, Dried Fruit, Granola, Fruit Roll-ups, Fruit By the Foot, Fruit Gummies
Dry Soup: (Ramen Noodles, Cup-o-Soup: just add water)
Nuts: Peanuts, Mixed Nuts (salted preferred)
Microwave Food (popcorn, Chef-Boy-R-Dee, Mac 'n' Cheese.....)
Cookies: Girl Scout Cookies (With Chocolate: Oct.-Feb. only!)
Rice Krispies Treats (store bought only)
Little Debbie's and Hostess cake products
Oatmeal Packs (Instant: just add water)
Cereal (Small, individual boxes)
Condiments, Spices; Sugar; Salad dressing (no glass jars),
Caffeinated gum or candy (to stay alert)

Other Items

Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser
Shampoo, Conditioner (travel size)
Deodorant (travel size)
Razor (disposable or "Intuition" or "Mach 3" types)
Shaving Cream in Tubes, Shaving Soap, (NO CANS of Shaving Cream, Please!)
Lip Balm, Chap Stick, Carmex, Blistex
Baby Powder and Foot Powder (travel size)
Tissues (individual packs; travel size)
Hand and Body Lotion, Moisturizer (travel size)
Sunblock, SPF 45 Zinc, Vitamin E, Aloe Vera Gel
Bug Spray, DEET, Skin-So-Soft
Mouthwash (travel size)
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and Dental Floss
Breath Mints, Breath Strips
Lozenges, Cough Drops
Loufa Sponges, Buff Puffs, Washcloths
Nail files, Emery Boards, Nail Clippers
Cotton Swabs (i.e. Q-tips) – also used to clean guns!
Cotton Balls
Band-aids, Gauze Pads, First Aid Kits, Ace Bandages, Icy Hot or Bengay Cream
Shoe Insole Cushions (gel kind is best)
Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or Aspirin Packets
Eye Drops (i.e. Visine)
Nasal Spray
Vitamins (multi-vitamins are always needed!)
Batteries (AA,AAA, C and 9-volt are the most requested)
35mm Disposable Cameras

Computer Flash Drives and Thumb Drives

Portable CD players and head phones

Electronic handheld games

Small homemade gifts – reminders and comforts of “home”

Small photographs or posters of scenery for their tents and walls

Pens and mechanical pencils, small note pads

Stationery and Envelopes; blank cards to send home

Double-sided tape, small crafts kits, scrap-booking items

Day planners, calendars, small, pocket calendars

Game Books: (Crossword Puzzles, Word Search Books, Math Puzzle Books, MAD LIBS, Logic Problems, Sudoku)

Yo-Yo's, Dominoes, Playing Cards (new) Poker Chips and Mats, Dice

Board Games, (UNO, Othello, Checkers – travel size is great too!)

Dart Boards (regular or magnetic – any size)

Nerf Footballs, Whiffle bats, Balls and Mitts, Sports equipment

Frisbees, Hackey sacks

Music CD, Magazines and Books

Linens: Pillow cases, Twin sheets, towel (green and tan)

T-Shirts: Cotton green and tan under shirts – new (Sizes: M, L, XL) (note: the DOD banned “Under Armor” shirts due to its material being potentially flammable and reacts badly to open wounds.)

Laundry Detergent and Fabric Softener Sheets

Flashlights – Small (battery operated. Surefire Brand preferred)

Air Fresheners (Stand alone- not plug in. Car types are also good)

Socks: Black, Olive Green and White (cotton or wool)

Phone Cards – Pre-Paid

Gift Cards to send home to loved ones (for Restaurants, Supermarkets)

Small toys (Beanie babies) and school supplies for Iraqi and Afghan children

Patriotic knick-knacks, USA flags, flags for your state, bandanas, baseball hats, football jerseys, banners to tack on their walls or tents.

Black or Green duct tape, small tool kits, dust masks, carpentry tools, fly swatters, fly paper, mosquito netting, bug repellent in plastic pump bottles only (NO AEROSOL CANS, PLEASE)

Paint brushes, adhesive wall hooks, sponges

Gun-cleaning supplies (tube) such as Militec-1 and CLP

Generic sunglasses (Ballistic, black only. No “mirror” types)

Alarm Clocks (small in size; windup or battery-operated)

Small portable heaters and fans (110 voltage okay)

Fleece Blankets (Yes, it gets very cold in the winter over there!)

Disposable Hand warmers and Foot warmers (in wintertime)

Winter hats (Yes it snows in the winter over there! Hand knitted hats in black, tan or green are always welcome!)

Water Bottles, Travel Mugs and Thermoses with Lids (for coffee, tea, and soup)

Coffee makers and filters (110 voltage okay)

Coffee Bean Grinders – small (electric or battery-operated)