



Operation Shoebox NJ

Founded in February, 2005, Operation Shoebox NJ is an all-volunteer grassroots organization dedicated to collecting donated supplies and shipping care packages to U.S. troops based in Iraq, Afghanistan and other Middle East countries. We are committed to sending packages overseas as long as there is a need. Several times each year, volunteers gather to sort donated supplies and pack them in boxes that are shipped overseas.

Operation Shoebox NJ has shipped more than 73,000 total packages to U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and other posts in the Middle East.

Items Needed

The following list contains items frequently requested by U.S. soldiers and Marines serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please note that aerosol products cannot be shipped overseas. Also, all items must be in their original packaging.

When in doubt, think small. It is easier to ship smaller packaged items than large, economy size.

Lip balm

Sun block

Moist wipes

Bug spray - non-aerosol

Bars of soap

Small bottles of shampoo

Deodorant - non-aerosol

Powdered drink mixes

Cereal/Snack/Granola bars

Instant oatmeal - individual packets

Boxes of hot chocolate (individual packets)

Small cans of tuna with pop-tops

Small cans of fruit with pop-tops Microwave popcorn - individual bags

Athletic socks

Batteries - all sizes

Gum

Candy

Small boxes of cereal

Small bags of trail mix, peanuts, pretzels

I will have a box available to collect the items throughout the month of October so I can drop off the items in November in time for Thanksgiving. The service members really enjoy receiving cards or letters if you would like to include one with your donation.