

# ***NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL***

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

The students of North Hunterdon High School, through various clubs and organizations, have begun a major effort to provide our troops serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and other Mideast locations with packages from home through Operation Shoebox NJ. We are dubbing our efforts Operation Lion Pride.

It is important to note that this charitable drive has nothing to do with politics or opinions on the geopolitical situation. The students simply see a need to support the troops serving abroad. Operation Shoe Box NJ is a charitable organization registered with the state of New Jersey and the federal government as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We hope that you will join us in helping to provide our troops with some comfort from home.

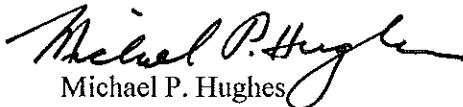
Through Operation Lion Pride, the students are collecting small, easily portable items that will make the troops' lives easier. They need personal care items such as toothpaste, as well as other items, such as energy bars, that can fit in their pockets. One soldier from our area, who was deployed in the desert for 72 days, remarked that he was thrilled when he received "a toothbrush that was not full of sand." Simple items that we take for granted are luxuries to our troops. Please see the attached list of items that we can ship to our troops. Each package costs \$10 to ship; therefore, monetary donations to cover postage will be gratefully accepted in the Athletics Office. Checks can be made payable to Operation Shoe Box NJ. Letters, postcards, and children's drawings are also great reminders of home.

These young service men and women are doing a difficult job under difficult circumstances. More important than the physical relief that these donations provide, they are morale boosters. We hope that you will pass the word along to other community members, places of worship, workplaces, and other organizations, so that we can send packages to as many of our young men and women in harm's way as possible. A large yellow Operation Lion Pride donation container will be situated at the Route 31 entrance for any community donations during the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also be hosting two "shopping sprees" at the Clinton ShopRite on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., if you would like to donate.

We know that many of our alumni and community members are currently serving overseas. We can designate Operation Lion Pride packages for them if we receive their overseas mailing addresses. If you know someone in any branch of the military serving overseas, please provide us with their address, so we can mail packages directly to them. Contact Amy Dalgewicz, via email, at [adalgewicz@nhvweb.net](mailto:adalgewicz@nhvweb.net) with contact information.

Thank you for your support of our students' endeavors.

Sincerely,

  
Michael P. Hughes  
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# **OPERATION LION PRIDE ITEMS FOR THE TROOPS**

The following list contains items frequently requested by U.S. Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other Mideast locations. 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 items than large, economy size.

## **Snack/Food Items**

**(small or individual packs of each)**

- \* Candy (heat resistant)
- \* Gum(no sticks) and Mints
- \* Throat drops
- \* Powdered Drink Mixes
- \* Elixir Electrolyte Hydration Supplements
- \* Powdered Gatorade Mix
- \* Powdered Iced Tea
- \* Instant Coffee Packets
- \* Canned Fruit (pop top cans)
- \* Cereal (in small boxes)
- \* Oatmeal (instant)
- \* Granola Bars (Clif or Balance)
- \* Chex Mixes/Cheese-It Mixes
- \* Combos
- \* Trail Mixes
- \* Cookies (small packets)
- \* Small Snacks Bags (Chips, Doritos, Pretzels)
- \* Ramen Noodles-any flavor
- \* Easy Mac Packets
- \* Ravioli (pop top cans)
- \* Tuna Kits (pop top cans)
- \* Beef Jerky, Turkey Jerky, and Ham Jerky

## **Toiletries**

**(small size or individual packs of each)**

- \* Q-tips
- \* Mouthwash
- \* Toothbrushes
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Lip Balm
- \* Moist Wipes
- \* Nose spray

- \* Eye Drops
- \* Deodorant
- \* Foot Powder
- \* Hand Lotion Hand Sanitizers (waterless)
- \* Nail Clippers
- \* Razors (disposable)
- \* Shampoo & Conditioner
- \* Sunscreen
- \* Tissues (heavy duty - i.e. Puffs)
- \* Toilet Paper (travel size)
- \* Body Wash
- \* Tylenol, Advil (individual packets)

## **Miscellaneous Items**

**(small or travel size)**

- \* Batteries (any size)
- \* Bug Spray (must be in zip-lock bag)
- \* Checkers (travel size)
- \* Chess (travel size)
- \* Crossword Puzzles
- \* Playing Cards
- \* CD's and DVD's new and used
- \* Sudoku Books
- \* Writing Paper and Envelopes
- \* Pens/Pencils
- \* Shoe Insole Cushions
- \* Socks (cushioned white calf high)

## **Special Items for Operation Lion Pride**

- \* American Flags (small)
- \* Small unbreakable holiday decorations
- \* Christmas Stockings
- \* Holiday Cards, Postcards
- \* Personal Thank You Letters