

# Adopt a soldier



North Whitehall Township has adopted a Pennsylvania soldier (and his entire platoon of Pennsylvanians) currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan through the non-profit organization **AdoptaPlatoon**. For our Holiday project this year, the **Community Outreach Committee** and the **Student Council** have teamed up with the **Township** to bring holiday cheer to local servicemen and women – our students will be writing letters and decorating holiday cards in class. We will also be donating items for a holiday care package that NWT will pack and ship. Please know that participation is optional; following is a list of suggested items (the list is not comprehensive; please visit the web site for a complete list). Collection dates run from **November 14th to December 7th and collection boxes have been placed in the Main Lobby and the Bus Lobby**. If you have any questions, please contact Jen McCary at 484-550-2795, or [jenmccary00@gmail.com](mailto:jenmccary00@gmail.com)

- Canned food items and Snack foods
- **Condiments:** Garlic salt, Honey, Hot sauce, Salad dressings, Salsa, Salt/pepper, sugar packets, Spices, Sweet N Low
- Microwavable Food
- Powdered Drink Mix Singles, Instant Coffee & Coffee Singles, Tea Bags
- Socks white or black
- **Fun Time Items:** Balls, Batteries: AA-C-D-9 volt, Beanie Babies or stuffed animals (new please), Board Games, Playing Cards, Dart Board with darts, Disposable cameras, DVDs Electronic/Battery Hand held games, Frisbee, Pens w/ Stationery, Magazines, Mini Hand-held Fan or Water Misty fan, Nerf Balls, Poker Sets, Puzzle Books/Word Find Books, Sewing Kits, Water guns, Yo-Yo's
- **Toiletries:** Disposable hand and feet warmers, dusting cloths for removing the sand from every surface, Advil, Tylenol, Cold/Cough drops, Sinus Meds, Antacids, Neosporin, Anti-Bacterial Wipes, Baby Oil, Baby Powder, Baby Wipes, towels (dark colors), Body Wash, Chapstick, Contact Lens Cleaner, Cotton Balls, Dental Floss, Deodorant, much more

**What cannot be sent:** Pork products, alcohol, liquid hand sanitizer, or aerosol cans (they may explode). Do not send products in glass containers (unless they are bubble-wrapped a few times). Package all food items that might leak in zip-lock bags. Put all liquid items in a zip-lock bag. Due to the extreme heat, chocolate is not recommended.

## Web Links:

- <http://www.adoptaplatoon.org/new/pdf/care.pdf>
- <http://www.northwhitehall.org/ANNOUNCE/SOSWEB.PDF>
- <http://schnecksvillepto.com/outreach.html>

As always, participation is voluntary. Projects are designed to make students aware of those around us who are in need, and to show them how easy it is to make a difference in someone's life. We realize everyone may not agree with the war, but our troops are still there and rely on our support. Soldiers consistently report that letters from children are their favorite thing!

Thank you for your continued support this holiday season. We hope yours is joyous!



Community Outreach Committee

[schnecksvillepto.com](http://schnecksvillepto.com)