



**Guide to a
successful
Care Package
Collection Drive**



1. Establish designated collection areas and provide boxes to hold donations. Several locations around the school would be great if perhaps the Media Specialist or other teachers will assist. Of course, each ag classroom should be a collection station. Maybe even paint the boxes in camo design.
2. Schedule chapter members to collect items on at least a weekly basis and store items in a secure area.
3. FFA members announce the service project to students in class and on school announcements. Make posters/flyers to put up around the school. ANYONE can donate, not just FFA members.
4. Distribute attached list of acceptable items to all teachers to post in each classroom.
5. Try having an "item of the week" for students to bring in for a week then a new item the following week. Your chapter may wish to sponsor a contest to see which ag class collects the most items.
6. Keep the excitement going with a reminders every few weeks, maybe new posters near the collection sites or whatever your chapter thinks will work at your school.
7. Collect, collect, collect! *Collect items until April 12!!*
8. **Bring all collected items to the Area 2 Teachers Meeting on Tuesday, April 12.**
All items and any donated funds to help with shipping will be donated to the North Metro Atlanta Blue Star Mothers Chapter.
9. A packaging "party" will be held at a later date to prepare items for shipment.

Feel free to visit the following websites about Blue Star Mothers and the Hugs Project:

<http://bluestarmothersga.webs.com/>

<http://www.thehugsproject.com/carepackageitems.html>

(list of donation items)

**Thank You for your support of the troops.
We look forward to seeing how many items
Area 2 FFA can send to our American Soldiers.**