



OPERATION EDUCATION AFGHANISTAN



Afghan children back in school due to efforts during Operation Enduring Freedom

CONCEPT If Children are the Future, Education is the Key. Freedom finds its roots in a Global Classroom. Your School Supply Kit donations will directly support local Afghan Schools within 3d Brigade Combat Team's Area of Responsibility.

OVERVIEW

3BCT, 10th Mountain Division Soldiers will operate within Afghan communities and school districts as a routine part of their mission in both the Wardak and Logar Provinces. Education is the foundation for the future of Afghan children. The donation of School Supply Kits will help to strengthen our relationship with the local children and families, promote a secure environment to educate tomorrow's Afghan children, and simultaneously provide the children with the basic essentials for learning.

The most efficient and effective way to help our soldiers help Afghan children is to make standardized School Supply Kits. 3 BCT, 10th Mountain Division soldiers will distribute these kits to the schools in their area of operation. Each kit contains basic, badly needed items that can make a world of difference to a child going to school. Assembling standardized kits ensures that each child receives the same number of the most needed items and facilitates customs clearance.

Assemble each kit according to the following list of items. Please enclose NO additional items, and be sure that all items are new and unused. Each kit should contain:

One pair of blunt-end scissors
One 12-inch ruler with metric markings
12 new pencils with erasers
One small pencil sharpener
One large eraser
One box of colored pencils (crayons melt in the heat!)
One package of notebook paper
One composition book
Three folders with inside pockets
One zippered pencil bag



Pack only the listed supplies in a 2 gallon sized zipper sealed plastic bag. Along with your donations, you may enclose a letter or set of letters from you, your school or your organization to the soldiers who will deliver your packages or to the Afghan children who will receive them. You may include photos of yourself or your group assembling packages. If you would like a response from the soldiers or Afghan children, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please do not enclose religious or political materials or money.

Mail your packaged kits to: Operation Education
Commander 3BCT
10420 S. Riva Ridge Loop
Fort Drum, NY 13602

Or to send money, make checks payable to Operation Education and mail to:
Operation Education
c/o Spartan Association
PO Box 1762
Fort Drum, NY 13602

Increments of ten dollars will buy one kit including shipping.

For questions about this program, please contact Suzi Peterson by phone at 315-681-4039 or email jpeterson12@twcny.rr.com.

The Spartan Association is a non-profit, veteran's organization established in 2006. The Spartan Association's main purpose is supporting the soldiers and families of the 10th Mountain, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Drum, New York. The Spartan Association also perpetuates the memory of veterans, supports and conducts patriotic ceremonies, promotes social welfare and programs for charitable purposes. For more information on Spartan Association please visit our website at: www.spartanassociation.org or contact us at info@spartanassociation.org.