

Winterhaven Stand Down Wish List (APWU National Program)

Efforts Should Be Made To Include These Items In Every New Backpack:

Flashlight with change of batteries	Roll of toilet paper
BIC lighter	Pen and small pad of paper
First-aid kit (band-aids and ointment)	Instant heat packs
Thermos	1 Poncho (hooded / rain)
One set of utensils (not plasticware)	1 emergency space / survival blanket*
Twist-top manual, handheld can opener	1 pair of warm socks
Quart size zip-lock baggies	1 ski cap or ski mask
Antibacterial no-rinse soap	1 scarf
Pack of disposable razors	1 pair of insulated gloves
Toothbrush	Ready-to-eat items, e.g. peanut butter,
Toothpaste	energy or breakfast bars, fig newtons
Mouthwash (alcohol-free)	Add hot water instant beverages, soup
Shampoo	Single, ready-to-serve: canned goods,
Hairbrush	cereal packs, lunch and snack packs
Baby wipes	

**Emergency space / survival blankets can be found in the emergency or survival gear section of most sporting goods and automotive stores. They are perfect for compact storage; generally about the size of a cigarette pack when folded. They retain 80% of a person's body heat and help insulate users from wet weather.*

Notes: All items must be new, sorry no exceptions, even gently used items will be discarded. All food and hygiene items must be received in manufacturer sealed packages. It is recommended that items be limited to travel size - midsize containers as large containers take up too much space, add extra weight and are more cumbersome to carry.

If every local and state organization donates just one backpack we will ensure that every Winterhaven veteran gets a backpack. This is not a project where it's safe to assume that your one backpack won't be missed. APWU has become the highlight of the Stand Downs. It is heartbreaking to see homeless veterans arrive early because they don't want to miss out on what we have to offer and even more heartbreaking to tell a vet that we have nothing left. We do not want any veteran to leave the APWU booth disappointed, so we are hopeful that everyone will do their part- we are only asking for one but certainly additional packs will be well received.

We are asking organizations to refrain from making monetary donations for this project. The Human Relations Department simply does not have the man hours or staffing to shop on behalf of a local or state organization.

We estimate that it will cost \$125 to purchase a durable backpack and fill it with wish list items, and about another \$15-\$20 to ship it. To cover the cost, organizations can use treasury funds with membership approval or make purchases through the authority of its Constitution and By-Laws if such expenditures are authorized. Monetary collections can also be done to cover the costs or project representative(s) can be assigned to coordinate item collections in each office, in various sections and on each tour.