## **Each Backpack Should Contain:**

Flashlight with change of batteries

BIC lighter

First-aid kit (band-aids and ointment)

Thermos

One set of utensils (not plasticware)

Twist-top manual, handheld can opener

Quart size zip-lock baggies Antibacterial no-rinse soap Pack of disposable razors

Toothbrush Toothpaste

Mouthwash (alcohol-free)

Shampoo Hairbrush Baby wipes Roll of toilet paper

Pen and small pad of paper

Instant heat packs

1 Poncho (hooded / rain)

1 space blanket, bag or hooded blanket\*

1 pair of warm socks 1 ski cap or ski mask

1 scarf

1 pair of insulated gloves

Ready-to-eat items, e.g. peanut butter, energy or breakfast bars, fig newtons Add hot water instant beverages, soup Single, ready-to-serve: canned goods, cereal packs, lunch and snack packs

\*Space blankets and bags can be found in the emergency or survival gear section of most sporting goods and automotive stores. They are perfect for compact storage, retain 80% of a person's body heat and help insulate users from wet weather. Visit <a href="www.highmtns.com">www.highmtns.com</a> "survival gear" to view these items.

## **Not Just Backpacks**

Although a large collection of filled backpacks is our primary objective, we will gladly accept new or like-new winter blankets and adult, unisex *winter* clothing. Like-new articles must be clean, free of stains, tears and wear, with all fasteners and compartments working properly. Undergarments, headwear and footwear must be new. Organizations are asked to carefully inspect all items prior to shipping.