

Treats For Troops

Dear Tim:

With more of our troops headed overseas this spring, I'd like to send some of our soldiers care packages to let them know they're remembered and admired by all of us back home. What can I send and how can I send it?

—Supporter on Sunningdale

Dear Supporter:

Your heart and mind are clearly in the right place. According to our friends at the USO, the items most sought by our men and women in uniform are things like toiletries, sunscreen, magazines and non-perishable snacks. If you're looking to put a package together yourself, we've got all those items and more. And we can even help you ship them. If you'd rather send something that's already prepared, the USO has a program called Operation Care Package through which you can sponsor a pre-designed package. It's just \$25, and you can find out more and send your package at usocarepackage.org. Either way, I'm sure they'll appre-



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ciate the package and your thoughts, prayers and good wishes. And so will their families.

Dear Tim:

I'm taking my son camping for the first time so he can experience the great outdoors and learn to live off the land. The only problem is, I forgot that Boy Scout trick for starting a fire. Do you remember it?

—Camper on Cambrian

Dear Camper:

I do. It's called matches. Aisle 5.

Dear Tim:

Paris Hilton in jail? How can this be?

—Shocked on Shadywood

Dear Shocked:

I know what you mean. How could someone this composed, mature and responsible wind up on the wrong side of the law? Stunning. If you're part of the "Free Paris" movement and want to send her a cake with a file in it or something, we've got fresh Der Dutchman baked goods on the table in the front between aisles 3 and 4. If you want to add a personal touch by baking the cake yourself, cake mixes, frosting and decorations are in aisle 3. But don't be offended if she doesn't eat it. She doesn't look like someone who enjoys meal-time all that much.

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