



## Sons of the American Revolution

The SAR PATRIOT CHEST PROGRAM is an interactive presentation, intended to compliment Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History. The program purpose is to bring that history alive, while providing students with a sense of the times and appreciation of the Patriot men and women who founded our nation.

### PATRIOT CHEST

#### CONTENTS:

**CLOTHING** - Continental Uniform Jacket, Waist Coat, Long Dress, Bonnet, Mop Cap, Apron, Tricorn Hats, Buckskin Jacket, **clothing/partial uniform for one male and one female student**

**TOYS** - Doll, Spinning Top, Shut the Box game, Toy Flintlock Pistol, Ball and Stick, Spy Coins, Quilt Flags- Betsy Ross and Gadsden,

**CURRENCY** - English Coin Set, Spanish Pieces of Eight

**HUNTING / MILITARY** - Powder Horn, Charleville Musket, Pennsylvania Rifle, Hatchet, Shoulder Wallet, Fife, Enlistment Papers, Compass / Sun Dial, Continental Line and Militia Uniforms and Equipment

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** - Candle Stick and Holder, Candle Lantern, Teapot, Pressed Brick Tea Fire Making Tools (flint, steel, jute), Sugar Cones and Nipper Tin Pan, Wire Fork, Wooden Spoon, Bees Wax, Clay Pipe, Playing Cards, Medicine Bottles w/cork, Basket, Writing Quills and Ink

**Documents** - Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights Booklets

**Content Sources include:** Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.; G. Gedney Godwin, Inc.; Military National Parks Museum Stores; SAR Chapter Compatriots personal collections, and the Chests or Trunks can be purchased at a Hobby Lobby Store. Also, you may visit these web sites:

[www.historylives.com/toysandgames.htm](http://www.historylives.com/toysandgames.htm) ,  
[www.pencaderheritage.org/main/teachtool/games.pdf](http://www.pencaderheritage.org/main/teachtool/games.pdf) .

**Non-reimbursable** items include: adult clothing, military uniforms, weapons (swords, guns, pistols whether reproductions, replicas or stage props) tents, tables, and furniture.

A description of the items can be found at SAR.org, then Outreach Education, then resources and downloads, then Lesson Plans, then Georgia Traveling Trunk.

Since 2013, we have introduced the Patriot Chest to the elementary and middle schools in Colorado. We have provided about 450 presentations and reached over 11,000 students. We now have two full time Patriot Chests, two part time Patriot Chest, a Military Camp, and a Living History Camp.

In order to assist new presenters of the Patriot Chest Program, we decided to create a training video that describes the techniques and methods for effective communication with young students. The video will show: 1. How to initiate active participation with the students, 2. Effective exchange of ideas while introducing the various colonial items listed above, and 3. How to provide basic history lessons about the Revolutionary period.

The video uses the recordings of actual presentations and still pictures during a guiding narrative about the techniques and methods.

The need for this presentation guide stems from the struggling experiences expressed many compatriots who have tried to implement a Patriot Chest Program. The students and teachers love the program when it is effective and entertaining.

Thank you for considering this program for your Society. You may order a free copy of the Patriot Chest training DVD on-line at SAR.org, then Outreach Education, then resources and downloads, then DVDs & CDs, then Discs, then scroll down and order, please include your address (the school name is not required ). Please contact the undersigned for more information and assistance.

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