



Sons of the American Revolution

The SAR PATRIOT CHEST PROGRAM is an interactive presentation, intended to complement Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History. The program's 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, large maps of Colonies and Major War Campaigns, paper for writing with a quill feather and ink

A list of items with descriptions and locations for purchases may be found at the sar.org link

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The Reimbursement Program: Established in 2018 to help fund the costs for a Compatriot, Chapter or State starting a program by purchasing a Chest (Trunk) and the items included for show and tell. See link _____. See below for the Reimbursement process.

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

To assist new presenters of the Patriot Chest Program, a training video was created in 2018 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 video may be found at the link sar.org _____

The need for this presentation guide stems from the struggling experiences expressed by 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 State Society.

The NSSAR Education Committee, Outreach to Schools Sub-Committee
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Patriot Chest Reimbursement Program

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Reimbursement Process

The 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.

SAR Outreach Education will be serving as the source for State Societies and their chapters to obtain assistance and receive reimbursement up to \$375 for the identified contents purchased to develop their own Patriot Chest. The contents include period clothing, toys, household, hunting and

military items. The average cost of a “start-up” Patriot Chest is about \$500. Reimbursements will be made according to the following guidelines.

- One \$375.00 reimbursement per Patriot Chest.
- Two Patriot Chests reimbursements maximum per State Society
- Reimbursements will be at 75% of receipts totaling up to \$500, per Patriot Chest.
- Only items pertaining to the presentations of the Patriot Chest Program will be reimbursed. No exceptions.
- Receipts and itemized list must accompany the submitted request for reimbursement.
- Please mark all submitted material “Patriot Chest Reimbursement.”
- Send all documented receipts at one time for one payment per Patriot Chest.
- All reimbursements will be made payable to the State Society
- State Societies needs to provide current mailing address of the Treasurer or designated State Society officer who will be receiving the reimbursement.
- This reimbursement program will remain in effect until the donated funds are completely used. The remaining value of these funds is approximately \$7,000 as of 1/1/2024.
- Reimbursement requests should be sent to:
SAR
Attn: Finance Director Megan Krebs
809 W. Main St.
Louisville, KY 40202-2619

Payment will be made to the State Society within 45 days of being received at National Headquarters.

