

CFMOTC FALL THRIFT SALE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010  
ELKS LODGE 5102 OLEANDER DRIVE

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

If these guidelines are not followed specifically we will not sell your items!

**CFMOTC THRIFT SALE GUIDELINES FOR NON-MEMBERS.**

Please arrange to get your items to be sold to the Elks Lodge between **12:00 and 5:00 pm on Friday, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**. Items will not be accepted after 5:00. Remember, you will be able to shop Friday night from 8:00-9:00 pm for participating in the sale.

To cover room rent and other expenses **the club will retain 30% of your total sales.**

**Tagging guidelines: \*\*\*\*\* ID # Must be on each tag to be accepted \*\*\*\*\***

**ALL TAGS NEED TO BE COPIED FROM THE OFFICIAL TAG FORMAT AND ON CARD STOCK WEIGHT PAPER!** (A sheet with the correct tag format is enclosed with 8 tags per page) As some sellers have the same initials, please write your name not just initials on the tag and your assigned seller ID # on the bottom prior to copying. A consistent color use of paper really helps with sorting. We have a very hard time calculating tags that are too small or become unable to read. (tearing, mangled etc....) We sort tags by hand and need your help to get it done expediently. **Consequentially if the items are not properly tagged, we will not put them out to sell.**

On each tag:

**SIZE:** The thrift sale sells infant clothing starting at preemie thru children's size 14.

We also sell Maternity clothing (any size).

**NUMBER OF PIECES:** (only if more than one)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM:** This enables us to try to match a tag to an item if they become separated. Unfortunately, we have also had tags switched. An accurate description, especially on more expensive items, will help the cashiers know if the tags have been taken off and changed with someone else's.

**PRICE:** Price items with a price that you would be willing to pay. Here is a general guideline:

- Children's clothing in good condition..... 25% of new cost
- Good play clothes.....25% of new cost
- New or once worn clothing..... 33% of new cost
- Toys and equipment.....33% of new cost
- Worn but usable toys... .....25% or less of new cost
- New or hardly used toys and equipment....50% or less of new cost
- Shoes do not sell for much..... .....Price them low

**NAME:** Write your name, not just initials, as some sellers have the same initials.

**ID #:** This number identifies you as a seller and how we sort and calculate sales.

Write on the tag if there is a defect in the item: Please be honest and tell if something is wrong with the clothing, toy or equipment.

- **Do not sell electronic equipment that does not work!!**
- **If the clothing is badly stained or in very poor condition (torn or not fixable), do not send them...we will not put them out to sell.**

Use a **straight pin** to attach tag to clothing. Do not use safety pins as that makes it difficult at checkout. Please try to make sure the tips of the pins are not sticking out (push the tip into the material so it is not exposed for someone to be stuck).

All toy and equipment tags should be taped with packing tape to the item (make sure they are secure but also removable, we have had lost tags in previous sales.)

Please put clothes on hangers. Hang them neatly and safety pin items together if there is more than one piece so they will not get separated. **Facing the Garment: Hanger Hook to the Left like a ? mark and tag goes on the right shoulder.** Tape tags to awkward items so that they are secure but removable. Please group things by size/gender so they can be put on the racks more quickly.

Be sure the clothing you are putting in the sale **CORRESPONDS WITH THE SEASON**. For example, SPRING SALE - Spring and Summer Clothes only!! FALL SALE-Fall and Winter Clothes only!! This helps to eliminate bulk on tables and racks. Out of season clothes will not be put out to sell.

Group small items (socks, bows, small toys, etc.) in Zip-loc bags and pin the tag to the outside of the bag.

Do not price anything under .25 and make all prices denominations of .25 (.25, .50, .75, \$1.00, \$1.25, etc).

Any equipment/large ticket items that you want personally to negotiate on price, write your phone number on the back of the tag and your cell number (if you want or have one). If someone asks to negotiate we will attempt to call you, please don't feel you need to hang out at home during the sale. We will not change the price unless we can reach you. We have discovered that sometimes people want to negotiate and we would like to be able to help you sell your larger ticket items. This is for large items only.

#### **When bringing your items on Friday, you must:**

- Sign in at the seller sign in table.
- Sign the release form.
- Designate if your are donating unsold items or will be picking them up (by 11:30)
- Turn in a **STAMPED SELF-ADRESSED ENVELOPE** for the Treasurer or we cannot mail your check.
- After completing the above, you will receive your non-member seller pass to allow you to shop Friday evening at 8:00. This pass is only for the seller's use.

After the sale on Saturday, you must pick up your unsold items or have a prearranged person to do that for you starting at 11am and ending by 11:30am. Please remember your name tag to identify yourself and belongings. This is to assure that your left-over items do not go home with someone else. All items left after clean up become the property of the club to be donated (CFMOTC donates to local organizations).

Finally, we do our absolute best to watch for tag switching and theft. It is not a perfect system and this does still happen. If you are pricing a high priced ticket item, please help us by describing it well and securing it properly to cut down on the incidence of theft. **We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.**

*These guidelines may sound strict but they are the result of a lot of past experience. We have been doing this for many years and these guidelines will ensure that you receive credit for all of your items that are sold. Thank you for your participation!*

Also enclosed is a flyer to advertise the sale. Please put it up anywhere you think it will be seen like your favorite grocery market, your church, your child's school, etc. This is YOUR sale too, the more we advertise, the more we sell! If you know of anyone who would be interested in selling, please feel free to give him or her my name and e-mail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call me. Once again, thank you for your participation!

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By SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> \$5 registration fee can be mailed to : CFMOTC, P.O. Box 4572, Wilmington, NC 28406 or via PayPal linked through our website. Current non-member sellers please put your seller # on the memo line of your check. New sellers please put "new seller" on the memo line for reference. Please also include an e-mail address for contact info. If you are a new seller, we will email your seller ID#. Thank you.