

The CART program

As a service which benefits both the community and individual town groups, the Cub Scouts and other organizations in Andover have agreed to staff the Andover Transfer Station on scheduled Saturdays throughout the year for CART duties. These groups are responsible for collecting and sorting returnable cans and bottles that are turned in that day, and bringing these returnables (in bulk) to a redemption center in Manchester.

THE CART PROGRAM IS A CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT. All of the money collected from these returns are pooled together throughout the year - so it isn't based on the number of returnables each group sorts, but instead on all the groups working together. Assuming everyone does their share, in December this money is split equally among the groups. In the case of Cub Scouts, this chunk of money is then distributed to the dens, with a set dollar amount - usually about \$10 - given out for each scout (and a small remainder going into the general Pack account). This money can then be used by each Den for activities, pizza parties, or whatever else they decide is the best way to repay the scouts for their hard work.

Every scheduled group is responsible for the following tasks on their CART days:

- 1) **KNOWING WHAT SATURDAYS YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR.** The annual schedule is distributed each December - if you don't get one by January, let myself or Bill Penn know and we will get you a copy. Until recently they were separated by rank (Wolf, Bear, etc.) with the different Dens expected to coordinate their times together, but in the future we will probably break it down by Den instead to avoid confusion.
- 2) **STAFFING THE TRANSFER STATION THROUGHOUT THE DAY.** This is normally from 8:00am to 3:30pm. You don't need to have scouts there the entire time, but you should count on about 2 to 2-1/2 hours in the morning, and another 2 to 2-1/2 hours in the afternoon. The best way to handle this is usually by having each scout family cover the time in 60-90 minute shifts. Depending on the number of families in your Den, you could have more than one family there at a time. The afternoon is the most critical time, but it will be a big mess if you don't have morning shifts there too!
- 3) **TRANSPORTING ALL RECYCLEABLES TO THE MANCHESTER REDEMPTION CENTER.** This is always needed at the end of the day, but during warmer months you may need an extra run at noontime if there are a lot of recycleables. You should complete everything by 3:30pm, so that you don't delay the closing and so you have enough time to visit the redemption center. Since these shipments can be quite big, you'll need access to a large van or pickup truck - so you should schedule your families accordingly!
- 4) **MAKING SURE THE ENTIRE AREA IS CLEAN AND ORGANIZED FOR THE NEXT GROUP, WITH AS FEW LEFTOVER RECYCLEABLES AS POSSIBLE.** Please don't leave extra work for the next group.
- 5) **TURNING IN ALL FUNDS COLLECTED TO A CART REPRESENTATIVE.** Currently, you can turn them in to Bill Penn (141 Wales Rd), Beth Laurinitis (65 Long Hill Rd), or the Andover Public Library (Rt. 6, during library business hours).
- 6) **FOLLOWING ALL OTHER GUIDELINES IN THE SEPARATE "HOW CART WORKS" DOCUMENT.**

Thanks for your help. If we all work together, CART can be a great way to teach the scouts cooperation, make money for the dens, and benefit the community as a whole.