

## Smile Bag Collection

### Gold Award Project of Claire Disdier, Troop 711

Operation Smile is an international organization that helps treat and provide support for kids all around the world who are born with cleft lip and palate deformities. Surgeons donate their time and skills to repair these deformities so that children in poor countries can lead a normal life. I was born with a cleft lip, and I feel fortunate to have been adopted by a family who could afford my surgery. It's sad to think that some children might have to go through life without this simple surgery. That is why I chose to work with this particular group.

Obviously, I can't perform the surgeries, but I can help to make the kids who have the surgery a little more comfortable. I am preparing a booklet on simple hygiene for Operation Smile to distribute to families. Also, Operation Smile sends "Smile Bags" to the overseas operations, and each child is given a bag when they leave the hospital.

#### **These bags include:**

.85 to 1.4 oz shampoo

A small comb (not rat tails)

A new wash cloth

A child size toothbrush – single packed

An 8 pack box of crayons

An 8 1/2 x 11 coloring book

A small stuffed animal (beanie baby size)

A small square mirror approx 3"x3"

A sample size toothpaste (not expired)

A hotel size bar of soap

By donating supplies you will give kids a great gift, a "smile bag" which will bring smiles to their beautiful face.

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