

- 1) For years I have been getting an email from you about the Swap. **What exactly is the Swap?** People donate new or gently used items on Friday and folks come and take those things on Saturday. The Swap is free.
- 2) **What types of things do you take?** Clothing for adults and children, small household goods, backpacks, purses, luggage, sports equipment, bikes, baby equipment, shoes, boots, Halloween costumes, DVD's and CD's, children's and young adult books, games and puzzles (new or taped shut) and toys.
- 3) **Is there anything you do not take?** Yes - please take note of what we CANNOT take so the donations don't go to waste: adult books, helmets, cribs, potties, car seats, booster seats, computer manuals, outdated software, textbooks, cassette tapes, VCR tapes, large pieces of furniture and any other large items. Also, donations should be clean and in good condition – something that you would want to wear or use.
- 4) **I don't want to take anything on Saturday – I have enough stuff already. Can I still donate?** Sure - you can donate and not take anything. And when you come to drop off your donations on Friday, there will be volunteers to help you bring your donations in if you want help.
- 5) **I have nothing to donate – can I still take things on Saturday?** Absolutely – you do not need to donate anything to take things. And there will be volunteers on Saturday to help you find things and carry them out.
- 6) This sounds great but **I don't really have much to donate.** Any donation is appreciated – it all adds up. Some folks keep a box that they mark for the Swap, put stuff in it as they find they no longer need it, and before you know it, the box is full. One person goes through her clothes and picks out at least one shirt, a pair of pants and shorts, and a skirt or dress that she no longer wears, and then does the same with the rest of her family, and donates it all to the Swap. We find that the people who donate are as happy to get rid of stuff as the people who take the donations.
- 7) I love the Swap. **Is there anything I can do to help?** Sure, there are ways to help. First, volunteers are always needed on Friday and Saturday to organize the donations and generally staff the Swap. The volunteer hours on Friday are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Any amount of time you can give is so appreciated – the Swap runs on volunteers. Also, students may be able to get community services hours by volunteering. Second, spread the word about the Swap by forwarding this email to friends, relatives, neighbors and coworkers. Also, if you have a group that you belong to, forward this information to your group and/or post it on your webpage. There is also a flyer attached to this email that you can circulate.
- 8) **Do I need to live in Montclair or does my child have to go to Hillside School?** Nope, the Swap is open to everyone.
- 9) When I come on Saturday, **what do I need to bring?** Just yourself – there are bags and boxes for you to take your finds home in.
- 10) I'm sold – **where and when is the next Swap?** The next Swap is Saturday, October 13th from 9 - 11 a.m., with drop off of donations on Friday, October 12th from 4 – 6:30. The Swap is in the gym at Hillside School at 54 Orange Road in Montclair.