



August 2011 - Chapter Signs and Mileposts



Get your TOPS Calendars for 2012 as soon as the order form appears in TOPS News. The supply is limited! Together, we will strengthen our focus on 365 days a year to build healthy changes in our lives ...not just 52 meetings!

CONGRATULATIONS to all chapters who have an email contact registered with TOPS who have already earned a **free membership** for bringing four new members to your chapter since July 1. **This contest runs through December 31, 2011.**

There are changes to 5 pages of the Chapter Manual. **Please replace the old pages with the new ones and throw the old away.** The chapter shall receive two sets of the changes in the packet with this year's Chapter Resume, order sheet for special Chapter Yearly Award items and Weight Charts for the new year.

LEADERS, Please remind your members that **TOPS Rules** are printed in the **centerfold** of the **Dec/Jan** issue of **TOPS News** and should be removed and saved.

Beginning with February TOPS News, all chapter programs shall be printed in TOPS News. These shall also be posted on www.tops.org in a black and white version. All existing programs are being redesigned in the same format and will become part of the "Learn it... Live it!" Life Lesson series.

Door signs are being designed for you to display at the door of your chapter meeting each week. That way, people passing by will see that we are there to help them each and every week. These will be mailed to the Leader in February.

TOPS Website is under construction and wonderful changes will be unveiled in October. Log in and check it out.



A new rhinestone TOPS flag pin and TOPS and KOPS pendants will soon be available in TOPS News. Also, new award items are being added to our Awards and Tools including Road to Success theme items and the Daily Do It many of you have been using since your Area Captain visited and presented the Super Foods program.



There is a slight increase in mailing Award items for 2012:

\$ 0.00 - \$10.00	no change		
\$10.00 - \$20.00	no change		
\$20.01 - \$40.00	up \$1.00	\$ 9.95 US	\$10.95 Canada
\$40.01 and up	up \$2.00	\$11.95 US	\$13.95 Canada

Unchaperoned children may attend chapter meetings if the chapter members do not object. Parent or guardian must sign the membership application of a minor under 18 years of age.

Retreats... we want to play fair... so, be aware!

- No member may be placed on a retreat waiting list to attend prior to its announcement.
- Member may not register for a retreat prior to its announcement.
- Member must make full payment at time of registering for a retreat
- If retreat is charged by the facility for a cancellation, that charge shall be deducted from any refund that may be due to a retreatant in addition to the \$50 cancellation fee.

