Walmart’s Local Chapters aka Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
Welcome

• **What is a Walmart Local Chapter?**
  Chapters are similar to User Groups or Special Interest Groups (SIGs). They are volunteer organizations formed to help adults and children learn new skills.

• **Topics: Form a Local Chapter**
  Register Your Group with Walmart
  Visit an Existing Chapter
  Find a Meeting Space
  Select Group Activities
  Meeting Announcements
Register Your Group with Walmart

- Registering your group will help people find you.
- Two chapter leaders will be needed.
- A $5 registration fee is required.
Visit an Existing Chapter

• If possible, visit 2 local chapters to obtain ideas for your group.
• Ask questions.
Find a Meeting Space

• Find a low-cost, or no-cost space to hold your first few meetings. Examples include:
  - Recreation centers
  - Ozark Trail Instant Canopy and Ozark Trail folding arm chairs
  - Park pavilions
  - Food courts
  - Meeting rooms at public libraries
  - Coffee shops

• If necessary, collect $3 per person to cover your expenses (one of the chapter leaders will need to be a Treasurer).
Select Group Activities

• Slide shows are available as online PDF files for members to learn about:
  • Geocaching
  • Woodworking
  • Organic Coffee
  • Calcium as a Soil Nutrient
  • Famous Furniture Reproductions
  • Weaving & Knitting on Looms
  • Chess
Selecting Group Activities (continued)

• Bird and Squirrel Feeders
• Antiparasite Remedies
• Earth Friendly Soap/Cleaners, Famous and Little-Known
• Celtic Sea Salt
• Moving and Storage Boxes
• Notebook Computing with Windows 7 (most popular OS)
• Sewing
Selecting Group Activities (continued)

- Digital Photography
- Binoculars
- Sewing

- Coming Soon
- Eggs
- Cheese
- Carbohydrates, Proteins & Fats
- Borosilicate and Soda-Lime-Silica Glass
Selecting Group Activities (continued)

• Coming Soon (continued)
  • Vermiculture
  • Pet Care
  • Painless Learning Placemats
  • Introduction to pH
  • Climate Change Science
  • Guest Speakers
  • Playing Cards
  • Children’s Market
Meeting Announcements

• Meetings that occur regularly on the same day or evening of a month are ideal. For example, the “Third Tuesday” is easy to communicate.

• If a regular meeting date and time is not available, plan three meetings in advance.

• Collect e-mail addresses, or create an E-group at Yahoo.

• Send meeting information to your group members
Preparing for Meetings

• Download the PDF files (formatted as slide presentations) that are relevant to your group.
• Create a folder for your PDF files on your computer.
• Decide whether to distribute the PDF files to your group.
Running a Meeting

• **Review one or more PDF files at your meeting(s).**