

American Red Cross Southwestern Branch Office

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March/April 2009

Newsletter

March National Red Cross Month

Did you know that March is National Red Cross Month? The Red Cross uses the month of March to urge people to get prepared. There are three simple actions to get **"RED CROSS READY"** for a disaster and other emergencies: 1) Get a Kit, 2) Make a plan and 3) Be informed.

Your help to the Red Cross can take many forms: a gift of time or a financial contribution to insure that the American Red Cross will be there when Fort Bend County needs it the most. Support the American Red Cross and change a life, starting with your own. Visit www.houstonredcross.org or contact your local office at 281-342-9480.



Join in on the American Red Cross Heroes Campaign. It's a fundraising campaign designed to use the creativity and generosity of the community... for the community!

When there is a fire, flood or other disasters, the Red Cross is there to provide food and shelter. The Red Cross teaches people lifesaving skills like CPR and First Aid.

When a family needs to send an emergency message to a military service member deployed anywhere in the world, the Red Cross ensures the message is delivered.

Your support of the American Red Cross will ensure that the Southwestern Branch office is prepared 24 hours a day to help people in our community when help is needed the most.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting campaign, please contact your local Red Cross at 281-342-9480. Contributions may be mailed to PO Box 87, Richmond TX 77406-0087

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LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE... ONLINE @ www.houstonredcross.org

Online CPR courses offer flexibility and save time.

The American Red Cross is now offering several of its CPR courses online. This will save people time and offer more flexibility on getting trained. You can take the class online, at any place you have access to a computer. Once you have completed the online portion of the class than you attend one of Red Cross's Skills Checks at our local office or one of 13 other sites. You must pass the skills test to receive a certification.

Classes held at Southwestern Red Cross Office

March

First Aid/CPR Adult, Child & Infant (2 day Class)

Mon. 2nd & Wed. 4th

6 pm – 10:30 pm (both days)

First Aid/CPR/AED Adult & Child + Infant CPR

Sat. 14th

8:30 am – 5 pm

Babysitter's Training Plus (2 day class)

Wed. 18th & Thurs. 19

9 am – 3 pm (both days)

First Aid/CPR Adult, Child & Infant (2 day Class)

Tues. 24th & Thurs. 26th

6 pm – 10:30 pm (both days)

April

Babysitter's Training

Sat. 4th

9 am – 4 pm

First Aid/CPR Adult, Child & Infant (2 day Class)

Mon. 6th & Wed. 8th

6 pm – 10:30 pm (both days)

First Aid/CPR/AED Adult & Child + Infant CPR

Sat. 18th

8:30 am – 5 pm

First Aid/CPR Adult, Child & Infant (2 day Class)

Tues. 21st & Thurs. 23rd

6 pm – 10:30 pm (both days)

Volunteer Orientation

Wed. 22nd

9 am – 11 am

Disaster News

Disaster Mini-Institute

On March 12-15, 2009, a variety of disaster classes will be offered free of charge at our Central Houston American Red Cross Office. For more information, please visit our website, www.houstonredcross.org, and click on "Disaster Classes" or email Caroline Egan at cegan@ghac.org.

Interested In Becoming a Disaster Volunteer for the American Red Cross?

If you are interested in joining the Red Cross team and volunteering during a disaster, then please attend the Disaster Volunteer Informational Meeting on April 28, 2009 from 6:00PM-10:00PM. At this meeting you will learn what training opportunities are available to you, how to volunteer for your local Red Cross, and get any questions you may have answered. For more information, please contact Caroline Egan at 281-342-9480 or at cegan@ghac.org.

Note to Instructors

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Program is now a two year certification (except for lifeguards) that is still a one year certification.

Swimming and Water Safety Instructor Update Webcast - Wednesday, March 11 from 2 pm - 4 pm ET. Register for this FREE Webcast by visiting www.aquaticsintl.com/redcross. Sign up ASAP. Space is limited.

Special Thanks

To the following volunteers who continue to show there support for the month of January and February 2009.

Teaching Red Cross Life Saving Skills

Dennis C. Fyke
Pamela M Bland
Tom Patterson

Health Fairs

Leigh Ann Watson

Administrative Work

Leigh Ann Watson
Susanne Higel

Blood Pressure Screening

Ann Mikeska
Sally Buck
Goldie Leinweber

To all of our Volunteers thank you for your time.

January/February Highlights



Was a great success.

The following schools participated in the Scrubby Bear Personal Hygiene Presentation. Scrubby Bear teaches students the importance of washing your hands especially during the cold and flu seasons.

Scalan Oaks Elementary
136 1st graders participated

Jackson Elementary
57 1st graders participated

Mary Holley Elementary
354 students participated

Cornterstone Elementary
228 Students participated

Lexington Creek Elementary
206 students participated

**Donations can be mailed to
American Red Cross
P.O Box 87
Richmond, TX 77406
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Or brought by

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