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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Red Cross Offers Babysitting Instructor Training Courses March 11th & 12th

February 17, 2011 – The DeKalb County American Red Cross is offering a series of courses in March to train new instructors to teach Red Cross Babysitting Courses. “These trainings are only offered every few years, so this is a great opportunity for those who want to become certified American Red Cross instructors,” said Melissa McAvoy, Health and Safety Director for the DeKalb County American Red Cross.

The Babysitters Training Courses prepares the trainer candidate to teach Red Cross Babysitting Training courses to the community. It expands on the policies and procedures that instructors must follow to ensure course consistency, quality and appropriate reporting. It also provides the foundation for becoming an authorized American Red Cross Babysitting Instructor. Being a Red Cross instructor is a fulfilling and rewarding experience. You must be 17 years of age and will need to successfully complete a Fundamentals of Instructor Training course.

There is a prerequisite to be current with CPR/AED and First Aid certifications before new instructors teach their first class. Registration and a course fee of \$200 are required by, March 9th by 4 p.m.; the fee covers materials needed for all courses. Those who sign an agreement to become volunteer instructors for the Red Cross can take the courses for **free**; volunteer instructors agree to teach a required number of courses for the chapter within a 12-month period.

Students must be at least 17 years old and complete all courses to become certified Red Cross instructors. Contact the DeKalb County American Red Cross at 815-756-7339 to register. There are a limited number of spots available so please contact the chapter soon! All courses will be held at the DeKalb County American Red Cross chapter office at 2727 Sycamore Road, Suite 2A.

Babysitting Instructor Courses

Courses usually run all day (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) with breaks, but students must attend both sessions.

Friday, March 11th - Time: Evening (TBD)

Saturday, March 12th - Time: 9 a.m. – 3 or 4 p.m. (TBD)

For more information, contact Rona Hardt, Media Relations/Development Coordinator, DeKalb County American Red Cross at (815) 758-1274 or Health and Safety Director Melissa McAvoy at (815) 756-7339.

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