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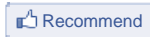


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### Red Cross Events in DeKalb County

**3/1** : Blood Drive 1 - 6 p.m. at NIU Lutheran Campus Ministry Building, 401 Normal Road

**3/4 & 3/5** : Wilderness Survival Course

**3/5** : Community Classes, CPR/AED 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & First Aid 1:30 – 4 p.m. at the chapter office

**3/8** : Zoll AED machine demonstration 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. at the chapter office

**3/10** : Red Cross Red Day: Wear Red to support your local American Red Cross!

**3/10** : 3 – 6:30 p.m. Chapter Open House in conjunction with Sycamore After Hours at the chapter office

**3/10 & 3/11** : Babysitting Instructor Course, evening classes time TBD at the chapter office

**3/16** : Citizen CPR 6:30 – 7 p.m. (Compression only, no certification) at the chapter office

**3/17** : Suter Health & Wellness Fair at Suter Company

**3/19** : Community Classes, CPR/AED 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & First Aid 1:30 – 4 p.m. at the chapter office

**3/21** : Blood Drive 11:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. at the Holmes Student Center

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DeKALB | March is here, and it's time to give your blood to someone.

This month, the [American Red Cross](#) is sponsoring Red Cross Month. Besides donating blood, the Red Cross asks for volunteers to donate their time, make a donation or take a class on first aid safety, CPR or emergency preparedness.

Rona Hardt, media relations and development coordinator at the DeKalb County chapter, said there are numerous ways people can help.

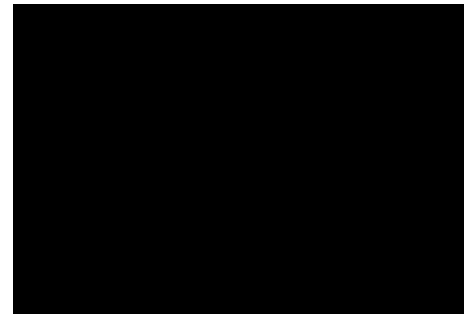
"The easiest way would be to make a donation," Hardt said. "We aren't funded by the federal government, so all the donations and volunteers we get keeps the organization running."

According to a press release, the American Red Cross responds nationally to nearly 200 disasters every day. In 2010, the [DeKalb County chapter](#) helped around 4,500 people locally.

Besides donations, Hardt said the Red Cross also sends care packages, birthday cards and posters made by kids to U.S. troops overseas.

A good chunk of their time is dedicated to helping veterans, especially those from World War II.

"One of the programs established is trying to assist World War II vets with prescription bills," Hardt said. "If they show us a bill not covered by insurance, we write



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**3/22** : Community Expo 3 – 7 p.m. at the Sycamore High School Field House

**3/22** : Blood Drive noon – 4 p.m. at the DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St.

**3/23** : Booth at NIU Health and Wellness Fair at the Holmes Student Center

**3/25** : Blood Drive 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Century 21 Elsner Realty, 901 N. First St.

**3/25** : Blood Drive 11:30 a.m. – 4:40 a.m. at Lincoln Hall, 1151 Lucinda Ave.

**3/25 & 3/26** : March Canister Campaign

**3/27** : Informational Meeting for potential volunteers 1 p.m. at the chapter office

**3/30** : Blood Drive hosted by NIU Red Cross Club 1 – 6 p.m. at Lincoln Hall

them a check.”

March was first designated as American Red Cross month by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943. Since then, each president has carried on the tradition.

Sophomore biology major Andy Schuck said if his schedule works, he will definitely make a blood donation.

“I have given blood before,” Schuck said. “I run a lot though so making a donation kind of messes me up, but if the time is right then I will donate.”

Despite a bad experience, junior psychology major Heather Fronczak said she would also donate.

“I have donated before, but last time I got food poisoning the day after, so it was pretty bad,” Fronczak said. “I’ll still donate again, though, because I think it’s important to give.”

Now until the end of March, the DeKalb County chapter will host several volunteer events. This includes blood drives, community classes and survival courses.

“Northern has been very supportive of blood drives,” Hardt said. “I think people are starting to get the word out on us because they know we are not government funded and need all the help we can.”

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