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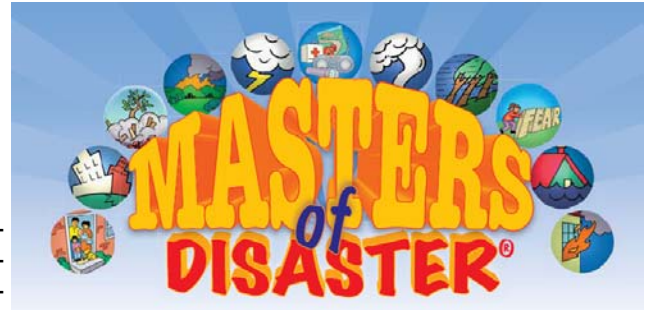
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Youth Volunteer Pilots Program



The Idaho Chapter has implemented the award-winning Masters of Disaster® disaster preparedness curriculum in Ada County. Youth Volunteer Marcie Treat made presentations to principals and teachers throughout Boise School District, stirring up interest and scheduling dates to present the program to 2nd and 3rd graders.

The Masters of Disaster® series is an educational tool that will teach youth the importance of preparedness while reducing fear of the unexpected. The goal is to empower youth with the confidence and knowledge to prepare for disasters and help create a culture of preparedness. The lessons are non-threatening, age appropriate and adhere to national education standards.

We have received positive feedback from the classes taught so far. In fact, Marcie already has some classes scheduled for the beginning of NEXT school year!

Topics to Choose From:

- Preparing for any disaster with Be Disaster Safe.
- Coping with tough issues like terrorism, war and pandemic flu with Facing Fear.
- Recovering and rebuilding from any disaster with In the Aftermath.
- Preventing injuries that happen at home with Home Safety.
- Earthquakes.
- Fire Prevention and Safety.
- Floods.
- Hurricanes.
- Lightning.
- Tornadoes.
- Wildland Fires.



Upcoming Events in April and May

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 11th—Kickoff Mt West Bank First Aid Promotion STATEWIDE • April 19th Preparedness Fair at LDS Church in Meridian | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 19th Preparedness booth at BSU's "72 Hour Kit" event • April 26—Safety Day at Meridian Home Depot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 3—Safety Day at Idaho Falls Home Depot • May 3—Health Fair at Wal-Mart in Boise |
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL EVENTS!! Email Jodie for more information.

Health and Safety

Have You Saved a Life Today? Become An American Red Cross Instructor

Your Time, Your knowledge, Your Experience

These gifts can help save thousands of lives. How? Each year, the American Red Cross teaches lifesaving skills to nearly 12 million people. But we can't do it alone. Reaching this many people is only possible through the help of people like you. People who care about the safety and lives of others, and are willing to devote a little bit of their time to help us make the world a safer place.

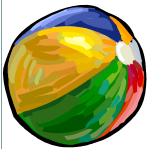
- Make a difference in others' lives as well as your own.
- Help others learn to save lives.
- Gain valuable teaching experience— and **receive great training.**
- Teach a variety of courses including First Aid, CPR/AED, Babysitter Course, Pet First Aid, HIV/AIDS prevention, and more!
- Train others in your company, organization or community.

We're looking for smart, motivated people who truly want to make a difference as a Red Cross Volunteer Instructor.

An American Red Cross instructor is a member of a select group of trained and authorized individuals, who reflects the standards and ideals of the American Red Cross.

Volunteer Instructor opportunities available in all Red Cross Offices. We'll help you build and refine all the skills you need. Call today for more information!

Swimming and Life guarding



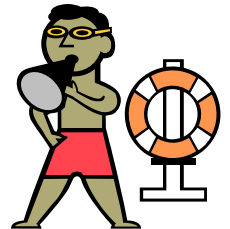
It's already Spring, but Summer is just around the corner!

Prepare now, come to the American Red Cross for the best training and safety tips on how to be safe in, on and around the water!

The American Red Cross has been the leader in swimming and life guarding since 1914. Many local aquatic facilities in your area are trained to teach Red Cross Water Safety Programs and Lifeguard Training courses.

Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety programs have something for everyone and any age:

- Infant and Preschool Aquatic class, designed for 6 month to 5 years of age
- Learn-To-Swim program, with seven course levels from basic to more advanced.
- Guardstart Life guarding Tomorrow, a great transition course for 11-14 year olds.
- Lifeguard Training



Health & Safety Spotlight:

Red Cross Babysitter Training

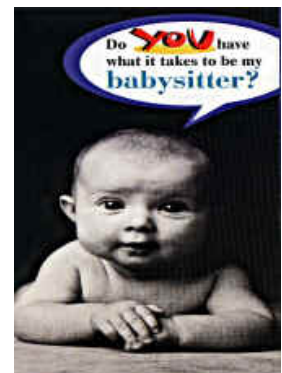
With New Course Materials!

Have your child gain the skills and confidence they need to be a great babysitter by taking an American Red Cross Babysitting Course.

They will learn first aid and safety skills, how to handle tough situations and even how to find and interview for a babysitting job.

This class will give your 11-16 year old all of the essential skills they need to be a Certified American Red Cross Babysitter.

At the end of April, the Red Cross will release new Babysitter Training materials with even more important information to prepare your child for anything. The new course has an option to certify your child in Infant/Child CPR and/or Standard First Aid



Disaster Services Human Resources

Database Cleanup Underway

By T. Raynor

On February 27, 2008 the Chapters across the Nation received direction from National Headquarters through the Service Area to conduct an audit of their DSHR member records and clean up their respective DSHR member files. Chapters have been given a deadline of May 1, 2008 to have this project completed.

Issues to be resolved are:

- members who haven't been active since 2005 (likely recruited for Hurricane Katrina)
- Inaccurate logging of member status
- Incomplete Emergency Contact Information
- Expired Health Status Records
- Listed G/A/Ps (Group/Activities/Positions) that the members training records don't support Members listed as TI (temporarily inactive) for more than one year.

Fortunately, the Greater Idaho Chapter DSHR Administration team began the DSHR clean up many months ago so we are way ahead of many chapters. To date, 127 inactive members have been archived and we believe that those members still active in the system are in fact active within the Chapter.

We still have a lot of work to do. The DSHR Administration team recently completed updating all training from the members' LMS training files and updating member contact information. As of this writing, the DSHR Administration team has tasked the Regions with verifying that all listed G/A/Ps have the supporting training listed in the members' DSHR profile. If they do not have the training listed in DSHR to support the listed G/A/P, the Regions will be contacting the members to either verify the training or change the listed G/A/P.

How will this affect you?

Your Region's leadership will be contacting you if you have a G/A/P that is not supported by the training listed in the DSHR System. If you have the required training, you will be asked to provide a copy of your card/certificate for your DSHR paper file and from that we will update your DSHR record. If you do not have the supported training you will be asked to choose another G/A/P for which you have the minimum training required.

At completion of the DSHR audit, members will be provided with the DSHR Self-Serve feature so that they can view their record, change their contact information and update their availability information.

A prompt response to inquiries from your Region's leadership and the DSHR Administration team is crucial to assisting us in meeting our deadline. Unfortunately, as per the directive from National, members whose records are not up-to-date must be placed on "Temporary Inactive" (TI) and will not be deployable until their record is brought into compliance. Note: Members' records that show TI for more than one year will be archived and the member will be considered inactive.

Deployment time can be very chaotic, so the DSHR Administration team will not be able to take time during recruitments to update expired licenses or Health Status Records. Additionally, DSHR Member G/A/Ps will not be changed during recruitments except at the request of the Staff Deployment Center.

What do you need to do?

UPDATE YOUR RECORD TODAY to ensure that we get you out the door and on the ground to help people in need as quickly as possible.

Volunteer Positions Open in all offices

Volunteer Office Staff

Job duties include:

- Coordinate time sensitive duties such as critical mailings
- Greet walk-in clients – serve and direct them appropriately
- Register students for Health and Safety classes
- Maintain lobby area – display and stock brochures, schedules, etc.
- Perform other clerical/general office duties as assigned (and as time allows).

Volunteer Coordinator

Job duties include:

- Recruit other volunteers for all lines of service
- Assist new volunteers through registration process
- Ensure completed and accurate paperwork reaches Volunteer Manager quickly
- Ensure effective communication between volunteers and HQ

Ready, Set, Go!

As I write this, I am sitting in my room at the Holiday Inn in Baltimore Maryland where I am attending the Partners in Philanthropy conference and the American Red Cross National Convention. There are some great new programs being launched by National and I will be sharing more details of the Idaho Chapter's involvement in the coming months as we get them. So far it has been an incredible experience and I still have two more days to go! I was able to come thanks to a generous donation from an East Idaho donor, scholarships from the Lilly Foundation and from National. It has been so exciting to meet my counterparts from around the country and staff from National.

We truly are one Red Cross!

As you know, Idaho and National has gone through a lot of growing pains as our world has evolved the last few years. I am confident that our Chapter has weathered the storm and are now making real, positive progress toward real strength and stability. This would not be possible without the support of our many incredible volunteers, board members and financial supporters. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!!

The country is starting to take notice of Idaho and the positive things we are accomplishing. I have had several senior

level National staff members share with me the good things they are hearing about Idaho. As we continue to move forward and as we initiate these new projects, I ask you to look at your availability and resources, and see where you would be able to help guarantee our continued success.

Thanks again for all you do everyday to help the Idaho Red Cross change lives!!!

Shawn Tolman

Shawn Tolman, CEO
American Red Cross of Greater Idaho

HOUR FOR THE RED

"neighbors helping neighbors"

By T. Tracy

Many Idaho businesses and individuals generously donate to the Idaho Red Cross. As our population continues to grow, the demand for these emergency services continues to grow as well. All Red Cross Disaster Services are provided free of charge through the generosity of people just like you. This year we are again inviting you and your business to support the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho through our "**HOUR FOR THE RED**" program.

This program is designed to educate companies and their employees on what the Red Cross volunteers do everyday to make our communities a better place to live and to give each of them the opportunity to support their local Red Cross by donating **one hour's wages** to the Idaho American Red Cross.

Participation of your company and its employees is crucial to the success of this campaign and our continued ability to respond immediately to local disasters with the services so desperately needed.

This is an ongoing program. If you would like an information packet to be sent to you, please contact Tamara at: tracyt@redcrossidaho.org, or by calling 1-800-853-2570, ext. 504.



Monthly Statistics—Disaster Services

DISTRICT	FEB 08 CASES	FEB 08 CLIENTS	FYTD 08 CASES	FYTD 08 CLIENTS	FEB 07 CASES	FEB 07 CLIENTS	FYTD 07 CASES	FYTD 07 CLIENTS
NORTH	3	8	31	78	0	0	20	54
NC	5	7	9	22	1	6	27	57
HQ	1	3	79	210	6	24	99	359
SC	2	5	16	67	4	13	23	69
EAST	1	1	17	47	1	2	18	67
TOTAL	21	46	161	446	12	45	187	606

This chart shows the number of cases and clients for February 2008 and Fiscal Year To Date 2008 (July 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008), then it shows the number of cases and clients for February 2007 and Fiscal Year To Date 2007 (July 1, 2007 through February 28, 2007) for comparison.

Service to Armed Forces

Service to Armed Forces (Formally known as AFES—Armed Forces Emergency Services) is one of many programs in our chapter's Emergency Services Department. ARC provides emergency communication between service members and their families, provides verification to help a service member with leave or hardship requests, facilitates emergency financial assistance, provides guidance to veterans in obtaining veteran services, and much more.

SERVICE	FEB 08	FYTD08	FEB 07	FYTD 07
Complaint	0	1	0	0
Emerg. Comm.	53	451	73	625
Financial Asst.	3	19	2	15
Info & Referral	0	4	0	5
MASRU	0	1	0	1
Other	1	2	1	4
Family Follow-up	1	2	0	0
SPOC	0	1	0	2
Verification	16	156	11	164
TOTAL	74	637	87	816

“Grant” Me a Wish

By B. Hammar

Funding our important services comes in many forms. The greatest contribution of dollars to the Idaho chapter is through individuals like you and me. Grants are another method of securing much needed funds.

Chapter staff continues to develop its expertise to serve Idahoans in time of need. I recently got the opportunity to attend a three-day workshop on grant writing. I will be using the newly refined skills as we continue to seek funding to fulfill our mission. You can help in this area too.

There are multiple opportunities for you to help with grants:

- Call us if you know of grants available in your area.
- Definitely tell us if you know anyone who has an association with a foundation or is on a board for a foundation that gives grants.
- Volunteer to research critical information important to support the statement of need in the grant request. (This can be done from home.)
- And always thank anyone or entity that has supported the Red Cross in the past with a grant. Their help is immeasurable.



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Be Prepared

Each month we will include two lists that will help you prepare for emergencies or disasters before they happen. Using the lists, you can **assemble an emergency supplies kit in small steps over 12 months**, checking off items you gather each month.

(List Information Source: Seattle Red Cross)

GROCERY Store

- 1 gallon water * or 5-year water pouches from American Red Cross
- 1 can meat*
- 1 can fruit*
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Paper & pen
- Local map
- Pain reliever
- Laxative

Additional:

- 1 gallon water for each pet

Action Steps:

- Find out about what kinds of disasters can happen in your area
- Encourage neighbors to develop their own plans

*One per person

HARDWARE Store

- 6-way Lazer flashing safety light
- Compass

Additional:

- Medicines/prescriptions marked "for emergency use",
- contact-lens supplies

Action Steps:

- Develop a family disaster plan including where to meet if separated, name and number of out-of-area contact, kinds of information to give that contact in an emergency

District Spotlight

Rebuilding the Northern Idaho Disaster Action Team

By: L. Lawrence

The counties of Boundary and Bonner have united to rebuild the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) for Northern Idaho. Over the last several years, the DAT team has shrunk to two members in Boundary County and two members in Bonner County. There is a greater need than ever for volunteers due to weather and fires disasters. The potential for flooding in the area this spring will present additional challenges for responses by the Red Cross to provide immediate assistance to those affected.

Larry and Sandra Lawrence, from Bonner County, have responded to 7 local disasters this winter and Delores Gardner and Sandra Fleetwood, from Boundary County have responded to 3 disasters this fall. Larry is the DAT

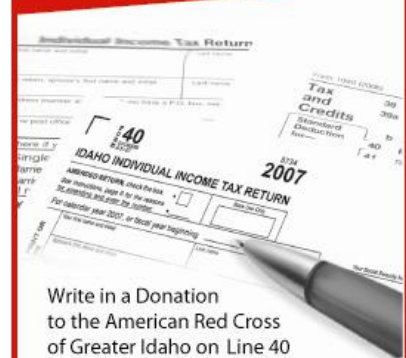
captain and Delores is co-captain and they have been working in their counties with police, fire departments, Emergency Management, and the general public to recruit new members. So far the response has been positive with six new potential members. There is still a need for more volunteers. All disaster training is provided by the American Red Cross free of charge and volunteers are able to serve when they are available.

There will be a DAT meeting on Wednesday, 2 April 2008, at 6 pm in Bonners Ferry. The meeting is open to everyone.

For more information on the location, directions or questions about the American Red Cross, please contact Larry at 208-610-8791 or Delores at 208-597-3660.

Be a HERO by helping educate taxpayers about

Write-in for the Red Cross



Write in a Donation to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho on Line 40 of the Idaho personal income tax form.



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