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## Calendar of Events

June 9, 2010—National Guard Health and Safety Day, Gowen Field  
June 10, 2010—North Central Idaho Meeting, Lewiston  
June 15, 2010—South Central Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Twin Falls  
June 16, 2010—Eastern Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Idaho Falls  
June 17, 2010—Southwest Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Boise  
June 19, 2010—Children's Health Fair, Mountain Home  
June 24, 2010—North Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Coeur d'Alene

## Albertsons Boise Open

The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft is a premier event on the Nationwide Golf Tour coming to Boise on September 13–19. The field is always competitive as the stars of tomorrow on the PGA TOUR take one more step toward their lifelong dreams!

The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft is more than just a golf tournament. It is a community-wide celebration with something for everyone, from the always popular Junior Clinic on Tuesday, to the fun and relaxed atmosphere of the Pro-Am on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, the professionals start battling for the coveted title of champion. The Pepsi Pavilion opens Thursday to all spectators to enjoy throughout the tournament. On Sunday,

Albertsons and Bisquick host the Bisquick Breakfast in the Pepsi Pavilion, which is free to all ticket holders. You will want to be at the Hillcrest Golf Course in Boise on Sunday afternoon as the new champion is crowned. You might even end up on television, as the Golf Channel will broadcast the event throughout the U.S. and in over 70 countries abroad.

We certainly hope you will be able to support the American Red Cross by purchasing tickets to this year's tournament. The Red Cross keeps 100% of the money raised from our ticket sales to this event.

To order your tickets to benefit the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho contact the chapter office at 800-853-2570 or visit our web site:  
[www.redcrossidaho.org](http://www.redcrossidaho.org).

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## LEPC and Red Cross Working Together

What is an LEPC? It is the Local Emergency Planning Committee made up of local officials, citizens, industry representatives, response agencies, government officials, and volunteer agencies. Together these participants work on how the community will respond and recover from any type of disaster, as well as the development and maintenance of emergency response plans for the county they serve. The Bannock County committee meets once a month, and one of our Red Cross volunteers attends the meetings.

The Red Cross and LEPC can work in conjunction with one another in a variety of ways. Both organizations prepare for

and respond to disasters in a community. By working together, the Red Cross and LEPC can share information and training as well as participate in exercises together. LEPCs encourage Red Cross volunteers to attend meetings, and by doing so, Red Cross volunteers can reach out to a number of community agencies at one time. We can promote Red Cross trainings and blood drives and recruit volunteers. In turn, we can get an in-depth look at how best to prepare for and respond to disasters in our own communities.

Recently at an LEPC meeting, a Red Cross spokesperson handed out Red Cross information

for the fire department and ambulance to give to victims of house fires. Prior to that meeting, the local officials did not have that information to give to disaster victims. Now both agencies can be better prepared to help victims recover from their loss quicker and easier.

We encourage you to look into your community's LEPC and participate whenever possible. By working together and participating in trainings together, the agencies will benefit and we will be better prepared to respond to, prepare for, and educate the public about disasters and preparedness.

## Take a Red Cross Health and Safety Class This Summer

Many Red Cross supporters aren't aware of the diverse class offerings available through the Greater Idaho Chapter of the American Red Cross. Have you checked out the class listings recently? Visit the chapter website to view the [health and safety class listings](#). Click on a class for more information and to view the schedule of upcoming classes.

Summer is upon us, which means all the fun summer

recreation that comes with living in the northwest. You might want to look into the [Wilderness First Aid](#) course to make sure you're prepared when in the backcountry this summer. If the kids are out of school for the summer and planning to do some babysitting, check out the [Babysitter Training](#) class. Designed for young adults ages 11–16, the two-day course gives participants the opportunity to receive certification in infant and child CPR and first aid. Make

sure you and your family are ready for whatever adventures await you this summer!



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# 2010 Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was a huge success. We had over 80 people in attendance. It was a great opportunity to recognize the efforts of so many of our wonderful volunteers, board and staff.



Rick Phillips, Board of Directors Chair



Holly Motes, Board Member, Receiving 1 Year of Service Pin From Sue Robinson, CEO and Rick Phillips



Malissa Bowman, Volunteer Coordinator, Announcing Certificates of Appreciation



Ronna Waller, DSHR Administrator Receiving the Clara Barton Award

**To See More Photos of the Annual Meeting, go to:**

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Brenda Wood, Health & Safety Director, and Jodie Andrew, Emergency Service Director, Receiving 5 Year of Service Pins From Sue Robinson and Rick Phillips

# Flat Parent Program for Deployed Troops

The North Idaho District of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is piloting the Flat Parent Program for the chapter. Peggy Cedros, District Manager for the North Idaho District, first learned about the program while visiting a sister chapter in Spokane, Washington. The Flat Daddies program began in 2003 when a woman from North Dakota ordered a life-size photo of her husband when he was stationed in Iraq. Elaine Dumler, a motivational speaker, included the idea in her book about coping tips for families who have a deployed soldier. "It is a great way for children to stay connected with their deployed parent," said Cedros. "We are excited to be able to offer the Flat Parent Program in our area." Approximately 1,800 Idahoans are being deployed in 2010. Of those men and women, 300 from North Idaho will be deployed in September, affecting 200 children. These children can take their Flat Daddy or Flat Mommy to school events, family reunions, weddings, and birthday parties or sit them at the family dinner table.

Cedros has been working with Betty McQuirk, a Service to Armed Forces and DAT volunteer in North Idaho, and Cassandra Vig, Family Assistance Specialist at the Post Falls Army National Guard Armory, to make this happen. McQuirk and Cedros presented the idea in mid-May to the Vietnam Veterans of America Troop #890 in Sandpoint, Idaho, and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Clarkfork, Idaho, who gave generous cash donations to help launch the project. Two individuals have also donated to the program.

Families of the troops may request a Flat Parent through their unit on a first come, first serve basis free of charge. The Flat Parents will be printed now through July 2010. Volunteers in the North Idaho District have offered their time to help assemble the Flat Parents. Anyone interested in donating to this worthy project can send a check to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, 411 N. 15th Street, Suite 105, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. Please designate "Flat Parent Program" on the check.

# High Energy in the Silver Valley

Twenty-nine Silver Valley Junior Red Cross (SVJRC) members in Northern Idaho volunteered a total of 122 1/2 hours of service in Kellogg, Mullan, and Wallace, Idaho during the past year. They were honored at the 9th Annual Reflection-Celebration in Kellogg, Idaho, on May 16th. Top Community Service Awards for service hours went to ShawnLeah Richey (17 1/2 hours), Megan Bottom and Heather Dunn (15 1/2 hours), Ryan Richey (13 1/2 hours), Josi Miller (10 1/2 hours), and Kayla Dolson (10 hours).

Lauren Chavez, of the Professional-Technical Department at Kellogg High is the group's leader and initially began the SVJRC with a grant and one student in 2001. Since then, the SVJRC has become a significant entity in the Silver Valley. Volunteer projects have included Family and Business Disaster Preparedness utilizing American Red Cross and Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines, fundraiser support for Habitat for Humanity, and monetary contributions to international disaster

relief. SVJRC volunteers visit homebound senior citizens and hospitalized children and pitch-in on any project in which they are invited to participate. These efforts are in addition to the American Red Cross mandatory training classes necessary for membership. Students are invited to join SVJRC in seventh grade and may continue through graduation from high school. This year, 160 citizens of Shoshone County participated in disaster preparedness training conducted by these young heroes. In the past, former SVJRC president Shannon Nansel represented the chapter on the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho State Board.

At the May 16 gathering, new officers were elected as follows: Josi Miller, president; David Bottman, vice president; and Jessica Williams, secretary-treasurer and volunteer coordinator. Morgan Koenig, Josi Miller, and ShawnLeah Richey will be representing the three high schools.