Latest from Youth Leaders

Welcome back to another issue of YouthWire! With October underway, we hope that you are enjoying the festivities that come with the season of fall. With September came a lot of Red Cross Club activity, so we want to follow up with an exciting new resource for you!

We have launched a new Red Cross Club Constitution to provide a framework for your Club. Whether you are looking to start, support, or have recently established a Red Cross Club, this resource is for you! Red Cross Clubs require a Constitution and many schools also ask clubs to submit an official Constitution before a club can be officially recognized at school. The Constitution outlines the Club purpose and structure and helps Red Cross Clubs standardize individual leadership roles. You can find it here!

As a follow up from September’s YouthWire issue, Field Ambassador applications are now open, and we encourage high school students to apply! For more information and to contact us with any questions, click here.

Good luck with your events this month and be sure to stay connected with us as we fly through fall! Don’t forget to submit your volunteer hours and activities on Volunteer Connection, so we can recognize all the amazing youth and young adult work happening across the organization.

University Spotlight

Volunteers from the University of Minnesota - Duluth are an exceptional group of young adults that have taken volunteerism to the next level!

Veteran appreciation is first and foremost for these students. After writing thousands of holiday cards for our military heroes, students put a spotlight on service by working with their Division 1 Champion hockey team to honor a Veteran during games to show their gratitude for service members in the community! Here is a snapshot of the school mascot, Champ, signing the welcome banner at the game.

Get Ready to Race!

National Youth Involvement Month (NYIM) is right around the corner! This November, the National Youth Council is hosting NYIM 2019: Race of the Regions. The entire month is dedicated to showcasing the superior work done by youth and young adult Red Cross volunteers around the nation while promoting interregional collaboration.
Each participating region will be paired up with another region to form their team, and the team with the most submissions will win a special treat! Keep an eye out for more information on our social media channels. Registration forms are now available and we are eager to have you participate and hope you will encourage your friends to join in the friendly competition as well! We will be having a Crash Course Call about NYIM on October 20. Crash Course Calls are held monthly for youth and young adult participants and offer a deep dive into youth opportunities and resources. To learn more about Crash Course Calls and to register for this one, click here.

Expand Your Knowledge

There are many great resources that you, your teams and your Clubs can explore together. We encourage you to review the principles of Diversity and Inclusion, and how they help guide the work of all aspects of the Red Cross mission in the Diversity Sensitivity and Awareness v4.0 course on EDGE. After you finish the course, take the Youth Diversity Pledge and tag us on Instagram to share what diversity means to you and your team!

What is YouthWire?

Created by your National Youth Council, YouthWire is a monthly e-newsletter containing important Red Cross youth volunteer opportunities, stories, and resources for youth, young adults and youth champions. We are always looking to highlight great stories and want to hear what awesome things are happening in your region!

Let us know what’s new for you!

Questions about youth volunteering with the American Red Cross? Email YouthInvolvement@redcross.org

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Share this newsletter with your peers and friends or have them email YouthInvolvement@redcross.org to subscribe to our newsletter.

This is just a sampling of the exemplary work these volunteers have been involved in. Students have also participated in the Missing Types Movement, bringing awareness to the importance of blood donors. Click here to find out more about Missing Types.

To the volunteers at the University of Minnesota – Duluth: we are inspired by your commitment to the Red Cross and are excited to see what you do next!

October | National Fire Safety Month

Whether you live in a house, apartment, dorm or any other residence, make sure you have working smoke alarms and that you discuss an escape plan with your family and roommates in case of an emergency.

It can take less than 30 seconds for a small flame to turn into a major fire, so every second counts! The more time you spend preparing, the less time you need to escape. You can check out more about fire safety here and get prepared by using the Red Cross fire prevention and safety checklist!