



American Red Cross



**2012 MICHIGAN BOYS STATE
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE PRE-REGISTRATION**

See the next page for more information. Bring completed form with you to the Boys State Program and turn it in at the time of registration to your Boys State City Counselor.

(Please type or print clearly)

Name _____ Birth date _____
Last First M.I. MM/DD/YYYY

Address _____
Street City ZIP + 4

High School _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

I am interested in: Donating Blood

Note: Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent – available at redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen) on June 17, 2012, weigh a minimum 110 pounds, be in good health, and present a donor card or positive photo ID (i.e. passport, driver's license) upon donation.

For BGS Staff Use Only

BGS City _____ County _____ Dorm _____ Room # _____

Comments:



Michigan Boys State Partners with the American Red Cross

Michigan Boys State participants will organize and operate a valuable community service project – a blood drive with the American Red Cross!

More details will be available later, but be thinking about what role you might like to perform in this project:

- Giving blood
- Advertising & recruiting
- Planning and organization

WHY IS BLOOD DONATION IMPORTANT?

- **By donating blood once, you could help up to three people!** Every donation of whole blood can be divided into three parts – red cells, platelets and plasma – which could potentially help three different individuals.
- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. More than 30 million blood donations are needed every year to ensure blood will be there for patients who need it.
- **In the Great Lakes Region alone, more than 700 units of blood are needed every day** to meet the needs of patients in hospitals across Michigan.
- Blood products are needed by many different kinds of people – those who need organ transplants, patients undergoing surgeries, premature babies, accident victims, cancer patients, those with sickle cell and other blood disorders, and burn victims – ***you may not even realize you know someone who has needed blood.***
- **There is no substitute for blood donations.** Patients depend on the kindness and generosity of volunteer blood donors to provide blood they need.
- Being part of the volunteer blood program allows you to help make sure blood will be available if ***someone you love*** needs it.
- Donating blood is ***one SMALL thing you can do to help someone else in a very BIG way.***

Sign up for your donation time in the Boys State Office located in the Student Union & Bookstore Building.



Learn more about American Red Cross Blood Services:
1-800-RED-CROSS | redcrossblood.org