

Want to get more involved?

Start a Red Cross Club at Your School!

Red Cross Clubs in Arlington County currently exist in the following schools:

Wakefield High School
Swanson Middle School



Red Cross Clubs create a way for students to volunteer for the Red Cross at their own school. The club can meet after school just like other school clubs. To be successful, a student needs to take initiative to get the club started.

Are you up for the challenge??



Wakefield and Swanson Red Cross Club members with Delegate Englin on Red Cross Day 2008 in Richmond.

How to start a Red Cross Club at your school:

1. **Contact your Red Cross Chapter's Volunteer Coordinator**, Heather Pritchett, to express your interest in starting a Red Cross Club at your school.
2. **Find a faculty sponsor.** Do you know of a teacher or counselor at your school who might like to be involved? Choose someone who believes volunteerism is part of education. Ask if they would be willing to serve as a club sponsor.
3. **Get permission from the Principal.** You and the faculty sponsor should approach the Principal with your idea to start a Club. Find out what the school requires for new clubs and what other steps are involved in becoming an official school club.
4. **Recruit volunteers.** Find other students who want to be involved. Put up posters around school advertising your club. Invite interested volunteers to an interest meeting where you can decide what activities your club will participate in and how often you will meet.
5. **Help the Red Cross!** Your club's activities should benefit the American Red Cross. You can host fundraisers, hold trainings, and get your peers involved!

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