



American Legion Buckeye Boys State Partners with Red Cross

The 2024 American Legion Buckeye Boys State participants will organize and operate a valuable community service project – a blood drive on Saturday, June 15, with the American Red Cross! All 2024 Boys State participants, parents, and guests visiting the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program can participate.

WHY IS BLOOD DONATION IMPORTANT?

- **By donating once, you could help three people!** Every donation of whole blood can be divided into three parts – red cells, platelets and plasma – which could potentially help three different people.
- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. That means every year we need more than 30 million blood donations to ensure blood will be there for patients who need it.
- **In Ohio alone, more than 3,000 blood donors are needed every day** to meet the needs of patients in hundreds of hospitals.
- Blood products are needed by many different kinds of people – those who need organ transplants and many surgeries, premature babies, accident victims, cancer patients, those with sickle cell and other blood disorders, burn victims – ***you probably know someone who has needed blood, and didn't even realize it.***
- **There is no substitute for blood donation** – 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.***



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



2024 AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE PRE-REGISTRATION

If you are interested in donating blood please complete this form and bring it with you to Buckeye Boys State. It will be announced when registration forms will be collected.

(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 _____

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states including Ohio), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 AND YOUNGER also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

**Note: If you will be 16 years old on June 15, 2024 you may be eligible to donate blood with parental permission. A parent or legal guardian must review the "Student's Guide to Blood Donation" and fill out a permission form, which can be found on our website at [redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen](https://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen)*

If you plan on donating blood and you will be 16 years old on June 15, 2024 please check the box below or you can go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> to schedule an appointment, and enter sponsor code: BOYSSTATE

Yes, I will be 16 on June 15, 2024 and I plan on donating blood.

****Please bring this form with you and turn into your City's Safety Service Director to receive your appointment time.***

For BBS Staff Use Only

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