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Florham Park business to host Red Cross babysitting classes

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Courses scheduled for school breaks Nov. 6 and Jan. 18

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FLORHAM PARK - The Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross is partnering with KnowledgePoints at the Regency Plaza at 186 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, to hold Red Cross babysitting classes from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, and again from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, 2010.

“We try to schedule these classes when we know most schools will be closed so students can participate in this full-day session,” noted Rhonda Zampetti, director of preparedness training for the Red Cross. “Our first class will be held on Friday, Nov. 6, during the New Jersey Education Association’s Convention, and we booked Monday, Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – when many schools are closed.”

Popular Class

The “Babysitter’s Training” class is one of the most popular Red Cross classes. The course is fun and fast-paced with “hands-on” activities, video, role-playing and discussion.

The course is designed for participants 11 through 15, who will learn how to:

- Supervise children and infants;
- Perform basic child-care skills such as diapering and feeding;
- Choose safe, age-appropriate games and toys;
- Handle bedtime and discipline issues;
- Identify safety hazards and prevent injuries;
- Care for common injuries and emergencies such as choking, burns, cuts and bee stings;
- Communicate effectively with parents, and
- Find and interview for babysitting jobs.

Students are asked to bring a “brown bag” lunch. For information about KnowledgePoints, which will host the course, visit www.tutoringyourkids.com.

The class fee is \$65. Registration and advance payment are required. Participants may register for classes by visiting www.ccnjredcross.org; calling (908) 273-2076, or in person at the Red Cross office in Summit, 695

Springfield Ave., or Madison, 1 Madison Ave.

The Colonial Crossroads Chapter also serves Chatham, Chatham Township, Florham Park, East Hanover, Long Hill Township, Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Springfield Township.

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