

Local Scouts to Run 4th Annual Blood Drive on Black Friday

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On “Black Friday”, November 26th Scout Venture Crew #77 (VC-77) will again lead a Council-Wide Blood Drive supported by Patriots’ Path Council – BSA, and Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Originally motivated by the story of a former Boy Scout in Tennessee that was undergoing a kidney transplant, and had to provide his own blood supply...VC-77 decided to help out. This has led to 3 previous drives, and almost 200 viable pints collected to date.

This is important as each pint supports up to 3 people, which goes a long way in helping reduce our requirements during one of the year’s most difficult travel weekends. New Jersey is considered the worst State in the Union when it comes to the critical “need to supply” ratio.

2010 has brought about a positive change and expansion of the drive. This year VC-77 has been joined by the Patriots Path Council’s Youth Executive Council (YEC) to add a location – so:

VC-77

Madison Elks Lodge #1465

192 Main Street in Madison

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

And...

YEC

Patriots Path Headquarters

222 Columbia Turnpike in Florham Park

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The eventual goal is to have (7) facilities spanning the entire 5 Counties supported by the Council.

The Scouts have gone through several levels of training – provided without cost by the local Chapter of the American Red Cross (Colonial Crossroads), which has allowed them to positively support the technicians (also) provided by Colonial Crossroads.

The Team has again set a goal of “100 pints for 100 years of Scouting” to be celebrated in 2010 – so please come out and support us before / during / after your shopping trips.

**** Please note that Appointments are really needed so that the Red Cross can provide enough Blood Technicians to keep the lines moving!!**

Appointment Link:

<http://membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=13341>

The Rose Project Update:

Many people have asked when the Knock-Out Roses will (again) be available for sale, after VC-77 sold almost 100 plants at Bottle Hill Day. Well, the answer is that we will have the order forms, called “Knock-Out Drops”, on hand at the Blood Drive.

The plants – available in Red, Pink, White, Yellow, & Blushing – will be sold for the special price of \$20 per plant as provided by Madison’s own JM Wicker. The orders will be placed and a pick-up date will be set for May 2011 at the Elk’s Lodge.

Plants are being made available to help us all “put the Rose back in the Rose City” and can be used for:

- Your Home or Business
- Your School
- Donated to VC-77 for a designated planting around town.

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VC-77 is sponsored by the Madison Elks Lodge #1465 as a Community Service & High-Adventure Crew. They meet twice monthly – on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, and they go on 4 major outings each year.

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