



Penny Drive for the American Red Cross



In September 2008 the Executive Board for the Illinois Association of Student Councils (IASC) approved a statewide charity fundraiser for the American Red Cross.

Each year, the American Red Cross responds immediately to more than 70,000 disasters, including house or apartment fires (the majority of disaster responses), hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, transportation accidents, explosions, and other natural and man-made disasters. This past year Illinois was hit by several natural disasters, including tornadoes, severe floods, and a mild earthquake. The purpose of the Penny Drive is to encourage students from across IL to collect pennies, during the week of the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, to help support The American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has been there for the people of Illinois, and students across the state want them to know they appreciate this.

The IASC invites you and your school to become involved in the statewide Penny Drive for the American Red Cross by having a fundraiser during the week of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, February 8-14, 2009.

We are asking that you hold a penny drive.

All Fundraising must be finalized by March 1, 2009.

Materials Needed:

1. Collection containers (from Red Cross)
2. Press Release from Red Cross
3. Pre- approved signs promoting the penny drive.

Helpful Hints:

Have class penny wars! One point is received for every penny in the container. Classes may put other coins and paper currency into the containers of OTHER classes. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points from that container by the amount of the coin. (e.g. a nickel reduces the points by five, a dime by ten, a dollar by 100, etc...)

This is where strategy counts. Have fun with it!

Containers are emptied and counted daily.

The totals for all classes are posted daily to encourage friendly competition.

The totals can be posted as tallies. A chart, blackboard or whiteboard, in a central location, works well for these postings.

If your school is willing to participate in this terrific cause, please complete the form on the reverse side and return it to:

Attn: Chad Webster, IASC President
Belvidere North High School
9393 Beloit Rd.
Belvidere, IL 61008
School Fax: 815-547-2916

After the fundraiser, please make your check payable to the American Red Cross and mail it to your local American Red Cross Chapter with a copy sent to Chad Webster at the above address by 2/21/2009. Your local chapter can be found at this website:

<http://www.redcross.org/where/chapts.asp#IL>

If you need assistance or more information about your local American Red Cross, contact Chad Webster, 815-885-9952 or webster.chad@gmail.com. Please contact your local branch for approval and support before beginning your local school efforts. Thank you for your help!

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Participation Form

Please complete and return immediately upon receipt.

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____

SCHOOL FAX _____

PROJECT CHAIRPERSON (IF APPLICABLE) _____

**PROJECT CHAIRPERSON E-MAIL
(IF APPLICABLE)** _____

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR'S NAME _____

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR'S E-MAIL _____

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____

Please Mail or Fax this completed form By February 1, 2009 to:

IASC Headquarters
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Belvidere, IL 61008
(Fax: 815-547-2916)

*After the fundraiser, please mail your check made payable to the
AMERICAN RED CROSS*

*No later than March 1, 2009 to your local American Red Cross Chapter. A copy must
also be sent to Chad Webster at the above address by March 1, 2009, as well.*