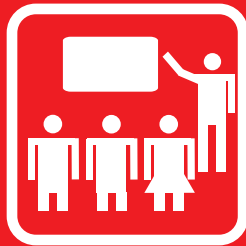




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*300+ American Red Cross youth and young adult volunteers from across the organization.*



*learn.*

*Planning tools, project ideas and the skills needed for helping others.*



*lead.*

*Yourself and your fellow volunteers in saving lives.*





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national youth institute

# Meet. Learn. Lead. At the National Youth Institute.

May 30-June 1, 2008  
St. Louis, Missouri

## Mission

The American Red Cross National Youth Institute **dynamically builds capacity and integrated youth involvement** at local chapters, Blood Services regions and stations by providing Red Cross youth and young adult volunteers and youth program coordinators with training opportunities, networking opportunities and learning experiences that are **specifically tailored to their personal and professional development needs.**

The National Youth Institute is developed in collaboration with local-unit youth volunteers, the National Youth Council, and the Office of the National Chair of Volunteers - Youth and Young Adult Programs.

## Goals

The National Youth Institute seeks to:

- Build a **dynamic and adaptive training platform** for youth and young adult volunteers as well as for youth coordinators.
- Generate a customized learning experience for youth and young adult volunteers that presents tracks for multiple skill levels.
- Provide critical tools, skills and resources that build capacity, sustainability and youth involvement in all areas of service delivery.
- **Promote networking opportunities** with peers, senior leadership and professionals throughout the Red Cross and other leadership development organizations.

## Benefits

The National Youth Institute:

- Strengthens participants' connection to the mission and strategic plan of the American Red Cross and helps **foster better understanding of youth involvement in every line of business.**
- Enables participants to gain and **develop new leadership and service delivery skills** and prepares them to take active roles in the local unit, Blood Services regions or stations.
- Engages participants in collaborative scenarios leading to the development of sustainable action plans ready for implementation upon return in their local units.
- Builds diverse youth and young adult volunteer networks and **connects participants with strategic national trends and initiatives.**

## 2008 NYI Fast Facts

### Audience

300+ youth and young adult volunteers and youth coordinators.

### Cost

\$75 plus transportation (hotel and registration fees included).

### Date and Location

Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1, 2008

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