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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 5th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. The American Legion is located at 620 W. Oak Street across from West Park in Dexter.

**YOU can make a critical difference this summer!**

Donations have fallen to critically low levels and patients needing O negative, B negative and A negative blood could go without the lifesaving support they need. We need you to help prevent an emergency shortage – recruit new donors now!

We're grateful you've chosen your day to help save lives by hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross. Your effort to recruit donors is critically important, and appreciated. By offering convenient opportunities for donors to give, you can help ensure blood is available for those that need it this summer.

## How to donate blood

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required

at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### ***About the American Red Cross***

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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