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OU hosts Red Cross Summer Blood Drive

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Oakland University is sponsoring its annual Red Cross Summer Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

People in good health who are at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds can make a donation.

The donation process takes about one hour and is completely safe. Those with appointments will be given priority at donation time. To schedule an appointment, call the **Center for Student Activities**, (248) 370-2400, or register online at the American Red Cross Blood Drive Web site.

Donors can save up to three lives with each blood donation.

Carol Furlong, donor resource representative for the American Red Cross, said the blood supply in southeast Michigan is dangerously low, which may cause some surgeries to be postponed.

"We have less than one day's supply," Furlong said. "Historically, the blood supply is lower during the summer. Usage is up because people are more active and there are more accidents. And there are fewer donations at this time of year because school is out, people are on vacation and a lot of automotive plants shut down. It's a real problem, so we really need people to come out and donate."

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