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## OU to host summer blood drive

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Oakland University had one of its most successful blood drives last fall following the September attacks on America. But blood supplies in southeast Michigan have since diminished, and the **American Red Cross** needs to boost its supply.

The Oakland University community can help by giving blood in the summer blood drive on Wednesday, June 12, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the **Oakland Center** Gold Rooms.

"In general, the Red Cross is in a need situation," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs. "Blood supplies were very high with the outpouring of support in the first couple of months following September 11. Our fall blood drive was capped after so many units of blood were obtained. In the six shifts we had, there were four that were capped. But by January the supply of blood went down and by April the Red Cross had a big need again.

"The summer blood drive is typically a slower drive with less emphasis on scheduling appointments. Of course, people can still schedule appointments. But you should also be able to donate blood on a walk-in basis with no problem."

The Red Cross says that, in general, to give blood you must be at least 17 years old, healthy and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Blood donation is a four-step process and takes about an hour to complete.

To schedule an appointment, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or [csa@oakland.edu](mailto:csa@oakland.edu), or visit the **Red Cross Blood Donation** Web site. To learn of other area blood drives or to schedule a blood donation, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

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