



# News Release

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## **RED CROSS RELOCATES SEDONA SHELTER**

PHOENIX (June 19, 2006) – The American Red Cross, Grand Canyon Chapter has relocated the shelter at West Sedona School to Big Park Community School effective at 4:00 p.m. today, June 19, 2006. Fire managers need the West Sedona School location for logistical support of the fire fighting effort.

Signs have been posted at the shelter, and Red Cross personnel will remain at West Sedona School to inform evacuees of the shelter change and direct them to the new location.

### **Evacuation Center Locations:**

Big Park Community School  
25 W. Saddle Horn Road  
Oak Creek Village, Ariz.

\* This location is for people evacuating south of Slide Rock.

NAU Field House  
Northern Arizona University  
Flagstaff, Ariz.  
Corner of Knoles Drive and McCreary, next to the University Union  
\*This location is for people evacuating north of Slide Rock.

Red Cross employees and volunteers are on-site staffing the shelter. The Red Cross has partnered with the schools to provide displaced individuals with care, comfort and emotional support.

Below are tips for individuals being evacuated due to the fire. It is suggested that evacuees bring a three-day supply of the items listed below. The items below should be assembled in an easy to carry, easy to transport container like a large plastic trash bag, plastic bin or duffel bag.

1. Water – plan for one gallon of water per person, per day.
2. Non-perishable foods such as protein bars, canned foods, etc.
3. Special care items for babies and elderly family members such as formula and diapers.
4. Clothing.
5. Personal hygiene items.
6. Prescription medications.
7. Important paperwork such as passports, insurance papers, social security cards, etc.
8. Pets and pet care items (pet food, leash, carriers).

**Media Contacts:**

Monday, June 19, 2006

Sedona Shelter: 2:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Robert Reingner (928) 853-7428  
2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Angela Florez (602) 768-5950

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Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Sedona Shelter 5:00 a.m.– 6:30 p.m. Angela Florez (602) 768-5950  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. Robert Reingner (928) 853-7428

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**About the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross has helped people mobilize to help their neighbors for 125 years. Last year, victims of a record 72,883 disasters, most of them fires, turned to the nearly 1 million volunteers and 35,000 employees of the Red Cross for help and hope. Through more than 800 locally supported chapters, more than 15 million people each year gain the skills they need to prepare for and respond to emergencies in their homes, communities and world. Almost 4 million people give blood—the gift of life—through the Red Cross, making it the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The Red Cross helps thousands of U.S. service members separated from their families by military duty stay connected. As part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, a global network of more than 180 national societies, the Red Cross helps restore hope and dignity to the world's most vulnerable people. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

The American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter services 10 counties throughout Arizona, including: Yuma, La Paz, Mohave, Coconino, Yavapai, Maricopa, Pinal, Gila, Navajo and Apache. To make a financial donation, enroll for a lifesaving skills course, register to volunteer or request disaster assistance, contact your local Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter by visiting [www.arizonaredcross.org](http://www.arizonaredcross.org) or calling (602) 336-6660 or (800) 842-7349.