



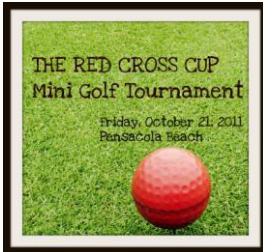
**American  
Red Cross**  
of Northwest Florida

*Serving Escambia Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties*  
**AUGUST UPDATE - 2011**

## QUICK CLICKS



**August 27th**  
**Run for the**  
**Red White and Blue**



**October 21st**  
**Mini Golf**  
**Tournament**



## **Nurse Assistant Training Class**

### ***CNA Preparatory Course***

**September 27 - December 15**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 am - Noon**

**Red Cross Classroom - Pensacola**

***Imagine a job that is exciting and challenging...a job where you make a difference.***

Whether you're just starting your career or ready for a change, now is the time to consider becoming a nurse assistant.

The American Red Cross Nurse Assistant Training course helps you develop patient care and other job-related skills. Classwork includes learning:

- Medical terms
- Body systems and how they function
- Communication skills
- Nurse Assistant roles and responsibilities
- How to provide care to individuals in nursing homes and other settings

Course cost is \$1250 and includes state exam fee, background check and scrubs. Students meeting specific criteria can be eligible for a scholarship.

**[Click here for more information and registration!](#)**

If you have questions for the the course instructor, you can email him at: [hasself@usa.redcross.org](mailto:hasself@usa.redcross.org)

## **HURRICANE SEASON UPDATE**

***It's Not All Good News***

The National Weather Service, updates its Atlantic hurricane season outlook every August. ***"The atmosphere and Atlantic Ocean are primed for high hurricane activity during August through October,"*** said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., seasonal hurricane

forecaster at the Climate Prediction Center. "Storms through October will form more frequently and become more intense than we've seen so far this season." Key climate factors predicted in May continue to support an active season, including exceptionally warm Atlantic Ocean temperatures (third warmest on record); and the possible redevelopment of La Niña.

Lower air pressure across the tropical Atlantic also favor an active

season. Based on these conditions and on climate model forecasts, the confidence for an above-normal season has increased from 65 percent in May to 85 percent.

The last hurricane to make landfall in the United States was Ike in 2008. Last year saw above-normal hurricane activity, but none made landfall in the United States. August through October are peak months of the Atlantic hurricane season, and FEMA urges people not to be lured into a false sense of security by the lack of hurricanes so far this year.

"It is still early in this hurricane season and we know it can take only one storm to devastate communities and families," said FEMA Deputy Administrator Rich Serino. This is hurricane season, if you haven't already, now is the time to take a few simple steps to get you and your family prepared. Anyone can visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) to learn more."



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