



**American
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Caloosa kids learn germ protection from Red Cross's Scrubby Bear

FORT MYERS, Sept 22 – The American Red Cross of Lee County and Americorps will present the Scrubby Bear program Wednesday, Sept. 23 at Caloosa Elementary School.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. volunteers will teach children both the importance and proper method of washing their hands using demonstrations and a presentation including the famous Scrubby Bear song.

The Scrubby Bear Hand Washing Program -

- Fewer colds
- Effective against Hepatitis A
- Effective in preventing Infectious Diarrhea
- Promotes healthier children
- Decreases school absenteeism



Good hand washing habits are not just for children!

The Scrubby Bear® hand washing program consists of materials developed to aid in instructing children as to the importance of good hand washing habits in preventing diseases such as Infectious Diarrhea, Hepatitis A, and colds. Scrubby Bear® reminds children and adults that infection can be fought through frequent hand washing. Scrubby is an immediate reminder to scrub your hands, reinforced by his message, “Don’t get sick, Wash up quick!” Children love Scrubby and really respond to his message. The program is most appropriate for children ages 4 through 7. Although the written and verbal materials are currently available in English only, they have been successfully used by schools, hospitals, health agencies and day care centers throughout the world.

The Red Cross is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. It provides training in life-saving skills and mobilizes relief to victims of disasters in addition to assisting members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. For additional information about the Red Cross and the assistance it provides, making donations, registering for a class or volunteering, call 278-3401, or log on to arclcc.org. The American Red Cross of Lee County is a proud member of the United Way of Lee County.