

Group Volunteer FAQ's - Construction

What are the volunteer times? Volunteer times are from 8am-3pm unless specified otherwise.

What will I be doing? We will be building a house from the ground up. Volunteers work on nearly all phases of construction. Plan to perform the task listed in your confirmation email. However, be aware that build schedules often need to be adjusted.

Do I need prior construction experience? No prior construction experience is needed. Even if you have prior construction experience, please follow the instructions given by the team lead. We have a plan for how to effectively use the labor force and materials to complete the project.

What should I wear? Prepare to be at a construction site and Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting dirty. Dress in layers as outdoor tasks can be in heat, rain and snow. Tasks indoors may not be heated. No open toed shoes, sandals or Crocs!

Do I need to bring tools? No, we will provide all the necessary tools and safety gear. But if you do prefer your own, you are welcome to bring them. We recommend putting your name on any tools you bring. Knee pads or garden kneeling pads can increase comfort during some framing, finishing and flooring tasks.

Do I need to bring anything with me? Lunch is not provided. Many volunteers bring their own lunch and a foldable/camp chair. We also suggest sunscreen for outside tasks.

What if it rains, snows, etc.? Cancellations, reassignments or delays due to weather are made that morning (typically 6:45am) by our construction team. A Habitat staff member will contact you via email or text the morning of your event if a cancellation, location change or delay occurs. If you don't hear anything, please plan to volunteer rain or shine.

Where do I park? Street parking is available at all locations. Be sure to lock your cars and keep valuables at home or out of sight. We also request that you be mindful of any neighbors and do not park in front of driveway or alley entrances. Keep in mind City of Milwaukee parking restrictions (winter restrictions run December 1 - March 1) where parking may only be available on one side of the street.

What is the minimum age requirement? The minimum age to volunteer on a construction site is 16 with a signed waiver from a parent/guardian. Individuals under the age of 18 are limited to the type of tasks (no power tools or high ladders).

Should I be concerned about safety? During the morning welcome the Habitat team will share information regarding construction task and neighborhood safety. We strive to be prepared for injury, weather and neighborhood incidents, which happen on rare occasions. In the event of something happening you will be directed about what to do. As an organization we are in partnership with Habitat homeowners and other residents who desire a safe and strong neighborhood.

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