

Volunteer FAQ's - Construction



What are the volunteer times?

We ask for a full day commitment from 8:15am-3pm, unless otherwise specified.

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 sometimes 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.

Weather Conditions:

We build rain or shine unless there are safety concerns. We make that determination in the morning and will email/text you of any delays or cancellations. If you do not hear from us by 7:15am, plan to be at the construction site on time.

What to bring:

- Lunch (not provided by Habitat)
- Refillable water bottle
- Folding Chair for lunch hour
- Sunscreen
- Optional: Work Gloves & Knee Pads
- We will provide tools, safety gear, and all materials needed. We are not responsible for any tools you bring with you.
- **Leave valuables at home - we are not responsible for lost/stolen items**

What to wear:

- Closed-toe shoes (no sandals, no Crocs)
- Dress in layers for inclement weather
- Wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty or paint stained
- No political or divisive clothing



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Where do I park?

Street parking is available at all locations. Be sure to lock your cars and keep valuables at home. Please be mindful of any neighbors and do not park in front of driveway or alley entrances. Keep in mind City of Milwaukee parking restrictions where parking may 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 tasks and neighborhood safety. While incidents are rare, we strive to be prepared for injury, weather, and neighborhood incidents. 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.

Questions?

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