



**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD
ONE ADULT FOR EVERY 4-5 YOUTH IN YOUR GROUP!
NO GLASS CONTAINERS • NO VALUABLES • NO PETS**

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE ON A TYPICAL BUILD DAY?

- Please arrive at 7:45AM. **Late arrivals may not be permitted to stay and work.**
- Break for lunch; **do not go off site for lunch.**
- Clean up and return tools at the end of the day.
- Work day ends approximately 3 or 3:30pm.
- **Volunteers are expected to work a full day unless otherwise directed by your group leader.**

WHAT DO I BRING?

- Lunch and snacks
- Signed waiver (if not previously submitted online) - **Volunteers 16 or 17 years old must bring a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.**
- Refillable water bottle - water is provided on site
- Rain and/or sun protection
- Safety glasses and work gloves, optional

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

- Wear sturdy closed toed and heeled shoes (i.e. hiking shoes, leather boots or a solid pair of tennis shoes) - **no sandals, crocs, house slippers, or flip flops!**
- Dress in layers to adjust to changing weather conditions and wear work clothes appropriate for various types of work assignments.
- NO short shorts, sagging pants or shorts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, or inappropriately revealing clothing. Individuals wearing clothing deemed to be inappropriate may be asked to change or leave for the day!

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- All volunteers must be at least 16 years old.
- Volunteers who are 16 and 17 years old are NOT permitted to use power tools or work above ground level.
- 1 adult chaperone (over 21 years) is required for every 4-5 youth.

WHAT ABOUT TOOLS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT?

We have ALL the tools and safety equipment you will need for the task at hand! Safety equipment will be available - including gloves, hard hats, safety goggles, ear protection, and dust masks. If you choose to bring your own tools or work supplies, HFHSL will not be responsible for personal items misplaced or lost.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I CANNOT WORK AS SCHEDULED?

If you are part of a volunteer group, contact your group leader. If you are a group leader or the entire group is canceling, please email builddays@habitatstl.org and/or call 314-371-0400 ASAP and ask to speak to someone in the Volunteer Services Department. If you are an individual volunteer, please cancel your registration via the on-line scheduling system. This will allow us the opportunity to recruit additional volunteers.

WHAT IF THE WEATHER LOOKS BAD OR IF THERE IS A HEAVY RAIN THE DAY BEFORE?

Call the Construction Weather Hotline the morning of your workday after 6:30AM at 314-678-4560 for updates. We only update if we are delaying or canceling work.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

- On-Site Administrator (OSA) volunteers will coordinate check in each morning.
- HFHSL Staff and Volunteer Construction Leadership will lead your projects for the day.

WILL I MEET A HOMEBUYER?

Typically, YES on Saturday build days, as homebuyers need 350 hours of sweat equity as part of the homebuying process. Be sure to introduce yourself and take some time to get to know him/her and the family!

PARKING DISCLOSURE

Habitat cannot be responsible for loss, theft, or damage in the event of an unfortunate occurrence. To ensure the safety of your vehicle, please do not leave any valuables of any kind in your car, not even under the seat. We recommend that you do not bring ANY valuables to the warehouse, ReStore, or build site. Habitat will not be responsible for any parking tickets.

SMOKING POLICY

HFHSL strictly prohibits smoking in or on its build sites, administrative offices, warehouse, ReStore, and any other HFHSL affiliated site, structure, or location. Individuals working and/or volunteering in or around a HFHSL building or facility wishing to smoke may do so at a distance of at least 25 feet from any HFHSL affiliated site, structure, or location. HFHSL reserves the right to ask any individual to leave the HFHSL affiliated site, structure, or location if found smoking in violation of this policy.

WEAPONS POLICY

In order to ensure a safe environment for volunteers, clients, visitors, vendors, employees, or any other individuals, HFHSL prohibits the possession, transport, storage, use or sale of weapons, including firearms, on its property, at work sites or work functions, or at any time. HFHSL reserves the right to conduct searches of any person or vehicle that enters HFHSL property.



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