

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

**All volunteers must be at least 16 years old • One adult per every 5 youths in your group
NO glass containers • NO valuables • NO pets**

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE ON A TYPICAL BUILD DAY?

- Please arrive at 7:45 a.m. Late arrivals may not be permitted to stay and work.
- Break for lunch at approximately 11:30 a.m. - leaving the site for lunch is not permitted.
- Work day ends at approximately 3:30 p.m.
- Clean up and return tools at the end of the day.
- Volunteers are expected to work a full day, unless otherwise directed.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Lunch and snacks.
- Youth volunteers (16 and 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; bug spray.
- Optional: safety glasses and work gloves.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

- Sturdy, closed-toe, closed-heel shoes (i.e. hiking shoes, leather boots or a solid pair of tennis shoes) are required - 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.
- Individuals wearing clothing deemed to be inappropriate for the work being done may be asked to change or leave for the day.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- ALL volunteers must be at least 16 years old.
- Youth volunteers (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 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, Habitat Saint Louis 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 ella@habitatstl.org. If you are an individual volunteer, please cancel your registration via the online 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?

We work rain or shine (or snow or heat or whatever St. Louis weather throws at us!). All weather-related changes are communicated via email at least 24 hours in advance of the Build Day. In the event of severe or dangerous weather, Construction staff will make the call to halt work.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Habitat Saint Louis Staff and Volunteer Construction Leaders, dressed in high visibility colors, will lead your Build Day.

WILL I MEET A HOMEBUYER?

Maybe! Habitat Saint Louis homebuyers contribute 250 hours of sweat equity as part of their home buying process. Be sure to introduce yourself and take some time to get to know them and their 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 Saint Louis will not be responsible for any parking tickets.

SMOKING POLICY

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

WEAPONS POLICY

In order to ensure a safe environment for volunteers, clients, visitors, vendors, employees, or any other individuals, Habitat Saint Louis 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. Habitat Saint Louis reserves the right to conduct searches of any person or vehicle that enters Habitat Saint Louis property.

WELLNESS POLICY

Participation in the Build Day may expose individuals to infectious diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19. While Habitat Saint Louis implements preventative measures which may reduce the risk of exposure, the risk of serious illness or death does exist. The Volunteer and/or Guardian agree to follow all Habitat Saint Louis health and wellness guidelines while on Habitat Saint Louis property. By participating in the Build Day, the Volunteer and/or Guardian certifies they do not have any illness and have not experienced any cold-like or any flu-like symptoms in the last five (5) days.

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