

What Volunteers Need to Know

- **No one under the age of 18 is allowed on the site without prior approval.** Minors age 14-17 are limited in the type of work they can do, and must have their parents fill out the minors permission form and waiver of liability. Please do not bring your children with you, as Habitat does not provide childcare and it is an OSHA violation.
- No experience is needed! We have skilled crew leaders and contractors on staff who will teach you what you'll need to know.
- You will need to fill out a waiver of liability to work on the construction site. These will be available beforehand from your group leader, Habitat office or our website, or you can fill one out when you arrive on site.
- Workdays are from 8am-noon (or 8am-3:30pm if your group is bringing lunch). Please show up on time; otherwise you will miss important instructions. If you arrive before 7:45am, please be respectful of our staff's time, as they need this time to prepare for the day.
- **Please respect the other volunteers and homeowners.** Working on a Habitat house is as much about fellowship and having an enjoyable experience as it is about building. If you are having a conflict over how something should be done, please contact the Habitat Construction Supervisor.
- We take a midmorning snack break at 10a.m., and lunch is served at noon. Habitat will have water coolers and cups available. It is helpful if you bring your own water bottle to site, as this cuts down on waste.
- You do not need to bring your own tools to the worksite, as Habitat has these available for use. You may bring your own tools if you choose to, but you may want to label them. Habitat cannot be responsible for your personal tools.
- Wear close-toed shoes! Sandals are a safety hazard, and you will not be permitted to work without close-toed shoes (sneakers are fine.)
- **Please listen to and respect our staff.** We do things differently than most construction crews; even if you are a skilled carpenter and have been building for years, if our staff asks you to do something 'The Habitat Way,' listen to them. Otherwise, we will simply have to undo all of your hard work and re-do it correctly. If you are unwilling to comply, we may ask you to leave the worksite.
- Take plenty of water breaks! Listen to your body, and don't work to the point of exhaustion. We've found that people work safer and smarter when they are rested and hydrated.