

# What do I need to know?

## The Rebuild is May 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Please make a note (for yourself) of the days and times you have signed up for and arrive for your shift a little early if possible.

### WHERE

The build is happening behind the YMCA at 900 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baltimore.

**Parking** is across 33<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Johns Hopkins University lot (old Eastern High School).

### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### Youth Volunteers:

- Ages 14-17 may work on site independently but may NOT use power tools.
- Ages 10-13 must work alongside a parent or guardian (At arm's length). Their safety is YOUR responsibility.
- Ages 0-10 are provided with free childcare while you are volunteering.

If you are a parent or guardian bringing a child between the ages of 10 and 13, please note that this means one on one (one child per parent and no more). Please also remember to keep your child within arm length of you when you are working, for safety reasons.

#### Childcare:

Free childcare is available for children 10 years old and under while you are volunteering. If possible, please register your child in advance on the Volunteer Up website, or on the volunteer form you gave us.

At the build, please check your children into Childcare before you go to the volunteer check in table. Children must be signed out of childcare by the same parent or guardian that signed them in. As for food, please bring a sack lunch for your children and when you sign them in; please make us aware of any allergies/dietary needs.

#### Volunteers:

Head over to the Volunteer Station at the beginning of your scheduled shift(s) to sign in and receive a name tag. Skilled workers (those skilled with a circular saw) will receive a specially marked name tag.

All volunteers will receive an orientation. You will be placed with a team of three or four volunteers, with at least one skilled person on each crew. As crews assemble, they will be given an overview of the site, told where the tools can be found, where the food will be served, where First-Aid is available, and so on. Crews will be guided to their work areas by a runner. A

crew may not begin work until given instructions by a construction captain. **IMPORTANT: AT THE SIGN-IN TABLE, PLEASE READ THE VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ACCORDINGLY.**

### **What will I be doing?**

There are many different jobs to do on the build site and all of them are important in making this project a success. Jobs are varied and include: helping cook and set up food, using power tools, digging holes, moving mulch, helping with childcare and art projects, sorting and handing out tools, managing recycling, handing out water to volunteers, sanding, painting, drilling, and more. The type of job you get will depend on what needs to be done during the shift that you volunteer. Whatever your job is, rest assured that you will have a GREAT TIME helping to rebuild the playground!

### **Food:**

Volunteers for the first and second shifts each day will receive a meal at the end of their shift. (If you are working the third shift, in the evening, please try to eat dinner before you arrive on site.) We will have plenty of snacks and drinks available for every shift.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

#### **Clothing/shoes:**

The construction area will be a designated building site, and appropriate clothing and footwear **MUST** be worn. **IMPORTANT: YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SITE WITHOUT PROPER CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.** Please wear comfortable, breathable, old clothing (avoid loose, flowing clothing) and have suitable footwear. Boots, tennis shoes, and rubber-soled shoes are what we are looking for. Open-toed shoes such as sandals, flip flops, or clogs may not be worn (you will not be allowed on site if you wear them). You will probably want a hat, do not wear jewelry, and long hair should be tied back. We work **RAIN** or **SHINE!** A site Safety Captain will be present at all times, and First-Aid will be available. We only stop work for severe weather.

Be prepared for the weather, bring: Sunscreen / Raincoat / Hat

#### **Do you want to use some of your own tools while you are volunteering?**

**Here are some items you may want to bring:**

- A Hammer
- A tape measure
- A nail apron
- A #2 pencil
- Safety goggles
- Work gloves

**THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!**