

Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley

Minors Policy and Permission Form

The Habitat concept of partnership should be made available to youth, but not youth of all ages. Due to the inherent dangers of a house construction work site, Habitat must limit the age of volunteers as follows:

- No one under the age of 14 is allowed on a Habitat work site during construction.
- Minors over 14 and under 16 must be part of a youth group with an adult chaperone ratio of 1 adult to 5 minors. They are allowed to participate **only** in the following activities: clearing lots, waterproofing foundations, painting, landscaping, and site clean up.
- Minors over 16 and under 18 must have adult supervision at the ratio of 1 adult to 5 minors. These minors are permitted to do general construction tasks, but are **not** permitted to use power tools, operate motor vehicles, or work on roofs or scaffolding.

The following policies shall also apply regarding minors volunteering with Habitat:

- All parents of minors must sign a waiver of liability form and submit it to the Habitat Volunteer Coordinator prior to the workday.
- All minors must check in with the Habitat Construction Staff before beginning work on site to ensure that waivers have been submitted and safety procedures reviewed.
- Each sponsoring organization shall be responsible for the enforcement of this policy with any minors volunteering at their worksite.

I have read and do understand the above policy concerning minors and Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley construction sites and I have read and signed the volunteer waiver of liability.

Minor's Name: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

****Please note: The parent or guardian must also sign the waiver of liability for the minor****