



2009 Build Volunteer General Information

Build Day Schedule

Yeah, we know it's early... but it's worth it!

All volunteers should arrive by 6:30am for registration. The build day begins promptly at 7am with a safety meeting. Our goal is to stop work by 4:30pm – maybe earlier, maybe later depending on how the day goes. If one house finishes early for the day, those volunteers pitch in on other houses. We build as a community; starting together and ending together.

What to Wear

- Sturdy shoes, like boots, are best. Tennis shoes are acceptable. (NO sandals, flip flops, open toes, high heels, etc.)
- Jeans or modest shorts and a t-shirt or modest tank top. (Bring a sweatshirt if it's cool.)
- Use sunscreen. You'll be in the sun all day.
- Leave jewelry and other valuables at home.

Be prepared to get dirty, dusty, paint splattered and muddy. Good times!!!

Construction Zone

The Habitat build site is a working construction zone. Be aware of your surroundings. Look for uneven terrain, electrical chords, nails, and other possible hazards. Use caution.



Tools

NAHFH has tools available for everyone at the jobsite. If you bring your own, label them clearly. If they get left or lost at the jobsite, they may be lost forever! Do not bring power tools or nail guns of any kind.

Weather Delays – None

If you sign up to volunteer, we are counting on you and your partner family is counting on you. They have already given notice at their current residence and need a place to live. If weather ever makes the site dangerous, the construction supervisor will ensure the safety of all volunteers.

If you wake up and it's raining, put on a poncho and come to the jobsite!
If you wake up and it's cloudy, put on a poncho and come to the jobsite!
If you wake up and it's sunny, put on sunscreen and come to the jobsite!
If you wake up and you're tired, grab a cup of coffee and come to the jobsite!

Safety

Safety must be everyone's main focus on the jobsite. Please use the earplugs, safety glasses, dust masks and hardhats that we provide. NAHFH is a Drug Free Workplace. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances is prohibited on all build sites.

Release Forms and Nametags

Each volunteer must complete the following before they are allowed to help at the build site:

1. Read the Safety Handbook
2. Sign a Release Form
3. Put on your nametag

Nametags are a great way to make friends and avoid being called "hey you" all day.

Age Guidelines

No one under 16 is allowed at the build site for any reason. Kids 16 or 17 may volunteer if they are accompanied by an adult all day. They may not climb on the roof or use ladders. Parent/legal guardian must sign their release form. Volunteers should be prepared to show proof of age.

Everyone is invited to attend the dedication ceremony...including kids of any age.