

Volunteer Handout

Thank you for supporting Habitat's mission:

The mission of Trinity Habitat for Humanity is to build homes and hope in partnership with God's people.

General Building Information:

What to do when you show up at the work site

Introduce yourself to the Project Manager or the Site Host. You need to sign in and sign a Waiver of Liability. If you are between the ages of 12-17 years old, you must have your parent or guardian's signature on the Youth Waiver of Liability BEFORE you can work. **Everyone** must sign a Waiver of Liability. **Volunteers must be 16 or older when we are using power tools on a site. Make sure you contact the Volunteer Department if you or members of your group are under the age of 16.**

Working Safely

The Project Manager supervises both construction and safety on the work site. Please share your skill and experience level, and be patient. Every shift begins with an overview of site safety and work objectives. Then teams form and the fun begins!

Please work safely:

- Never attempt any task that feels risky or unfamiliar. Seek guidance from the Project Manager and crew chiefs.
- Anyone with medical concerns should be mindful of their condition. If you have health issues, it is your responsibility to inform the Project Manager.
- All volunteers need to drink plenty of water and avoid overheating.
- Hard hats, eye protection, and hearing protection are in the Site Host Box on the site.
- Share responsibility: watch for any unsafe conditions, help your crewmates, keep a clean site.
- Please read the construction safety sheet attached.



Insurance

All volunteers must have a current waiver. Habitat carries secondary insurance coverage for all volunteers who have signed in for work on the site. The sign-in sheet is on site each build day.

Age Limit

Volunteers must be 16 or older when we are using power tools on a site. Make sure you contact the Volunteer Department if you or members of your group are under the age of 16.

Habitat staff will strictly enforce the guidelines below. Minors must abide by the following age and activities restrictions:

- **11 years old and younger** are not allowed on site.
- **12 -15 year olds** can landscape and paint, however, construction on the house must be complete and no power tools allowed on site.
- **16 and 17 year olds** are allowed to participate in general construction (everything listed above plus framing, siding, windows, doors, trim, sheathing, sheetrock, etc...), but **ultra hazardous activities** such as using power tools, excavation, demolition, or working on rooftops **is not permitted**.

Weather

In most cases, the workday is not cancelled in advance due to adverse weather conditions. The volunteers should be told to call **817.920.9220 option 2** to find out if their specific site is going to be working or not. A message will be left no later than **6:45am** IF the site will be canceled. Weather is difficult to predict, so we ask for your grace as we attempt to make the best decision.