



2010 Build Volunteer General Information

Build Day Schedule: All volunteers should arrive by **6:30am** for registration. The build day begins promptly at **7:00am** with a safety meeting. Our goal is to stop work by **3:30pm**. 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 boots are best. Tennis shoes are acceptable. (**NO sandals, flip flops, open toes, open heels, high heels, etc.**) Wear jeans or shorts and a t-shirt or modest tank top. (Bring a sweatshirt if it's cool.) Use sunscreen because you might be in the sun all day. Leave jewelry and other valuables at home. Chances are you'll get dirty!

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

Tools: Nashville Area Habitat 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 to be there. If weather ever makes the site dangerous, the Construction Director will ensure the safety of all volunteers. If you wake up and it's raining, put on a poncho 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. Nashville Area Habitat 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. Young people 16 or 17 may volunteer if they are accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age, in a ratio of 1 adult per 5 youth. They may not climb on the roof, use ladders or power tools. 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.

Food: If you are a part of a *sponsoring/funding* group, your breakfast, lunch, snacks and water should be taken care of by your organization. If you are volunteering on a Habitat funded house, as an individual or with a group, Habitat will provide your food and water.