



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I volunteer with Habitat For Humanity Quad Cities?

Due to site limitations, we are unable to accept "walk on" volunteers. Please help us by calling ahead to be placed on the work schedule. Ben Kantner, Program Director or Jan Trimble, Volunteer Coordinator can be reached at the Habitat Office at 563-359-9066 to assist you with your construction volunteer opportunities.

Q: How old do I need to be to volunteer?

Construction volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers ages 16 and 17 must have a parent/guardian sign their waiver of liability and be accompanied to the site by an adult who is legally responsible for them. Youth groups volunteering on the construction site must have a ratio of one (1) adult to every four (4) youths. Please let us know in advance if you are planning to bring youth.

Q: Do I need construction experience?

No specific construction skills are required – just a willingness to listen and learn! Most volunteers have no experience. It's a great opportunity to pick up new skills.

Q: What can I expect when I arrive on-site?

Construction volunteers are expected to report to the build site at 7:45am for registration. You will go over the tasks of the day, receive a safety briefing covering the information provided at your orientation and learn more about Habitat. Be prepared to work hard, learn new skills and have fun! The work day wraps up around 4pm and you will have an hour break for lunch. Lunches are provided by volunteers in the community or you may bring a sack lunch or eat at a local restaurant.

Q: What will I need to bring?

A positive attitude is a must and close-toed shoes are required for your safety! Habitat will provide all the tools. You have the option of bringing your own tools and/or a tool bag. Water is provided on site, but it might be a good idea to bring your own water bottle.

Q: How long does the work day last?

Work shifts are from 8:00am – 3:30 or 4:00pm. Half Day Shifts are from 8:00am – 12:00noon.

Q: Is lunch provided?

Yes! We have wonderful volunteers who donate their time and cook great meals for our construction site volunteers.

Q: May I only work for half a day?

We prefer an all-day commitment for Construction Volunteers – 8:00am-4:00pm. However, if you cannot commit to a whole day, a half day morning shift (8am – 12 noon) can be worked out with the Volunteer Coordinator.



Q: May I schedule a group work day?

Yes. You may contact the Program Director, Ben Kantner by calling the office at 563-359-9066 to schedule your group. You may also contact Ben on his cell phone. (563-343-1510)

Q: What should I do if it is raining or snowing?

Habitat continues to build regardless of the weather, so it is best to come prepared. Dress in layers to cover all types of weather situations. Rain gear and warm clothing (or clothing with wicking material) are best for wet or cold days. If the weather becomes hazardous, we will suspend building activities for safety reasons. If the weather looks questionable for construction the morning of your workday, please call our Program Director, Ben Kantner for an update. (563-343-1510)

Q: Do I have to fill out a waiver before I volunteer?

Yes! All volunteers must complete a waiver. Waivers are available at the Habitat Office (3625 Mississippi Avenue – Davenport, IA) if you've gone through the orientation, at the volunteer orientation session held at the Habitat office or on site the morning you volunteer. Can Jan Trimble for orientation days & times.

Other Pertinent Information about your construction volunteer experience with Habitat for Humanity:

A. Orientation for Construction Volunteers:

Volunteer orientation training is offered twice a month and all volunteers must attend before they can work at a job site. Contact Jan Trimble, Volunteer Coordinator for more details on days & times the trainings are offered.

B. Before you leave home:

Dress appropriately with clothes that are not baggy. Tie long hair back and remove jewelry. Hats, sunscreen and sunglasses are always advisable. Wear sturdy shoes (no sandals). Tools and gloves are provided, but if you bring your own tools and/or gloves, please be sure to label them with your name.

C. When you get to the site:

At the site, you can expect to meet great people, work side-by-side with the family who will be the future homeowners, and have fun making their dream come true. You will not be asked to do anything that may make you uncomfortable, such as roof work or operating power tools.