



Volunteering on the Construction Site FAQ's

Doses Habitat for Humanity of Burlington County Give away homes that are built to poor and homeless people?

Habitat for Humanity of Burlington County NJ SELLS the homes to qualified and hardworking families at a 0% interest mortgage. The families are low to moderate income and turn to Habitat because they would be unable to obtain conventional house financing. Additionally, they contribute 250 to 400 hours of "sweat equity" on the construction of their home or someone else's home they also complete sweat equity hours. Because Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor, mortgage payments are kept affordable.

Which location will I be working on and can I pick the site and the activity?

Locations for volunteers are planned out the Tuesday before your scheduled volunteer day. The Habitat BCNJ construction staff has several projects working simultaneously and the timelines change due to weather, volunteer participations and other factors; because of this we cannot guarantee a location or project.

Is there a rain date?

We work rain, shine, hot or cold. Dress appropriately. In case of a circumstance where a cancellation or site relocation should occur, you should seek your group's team leader the day of the build day if you are concerned about rain cancelations. The team leader is responsible for making the final decision.

What time do we need to arrive at the construction site?

Construction works 8:30am-3:00pm. We recommend volunteers especially first time volunteers to arrive around 8:15.

Do I need to bring tools?

Our construction site is always in need of the following things Tape measures, gloves, carpenter pencils, hammers, masks and safety glasses. We encourage our volunteers to bring one or all of these items to the site to use on their build day and then to leave them on the construction site for the next group!

What will you do on the Construction Site?

You may be asked to do any of the tasks required to build a house, from demolition to framing, to painting, to sweeping. We rely on volunteers to jump in to help no matter what stage construction happens to be in.

How should I dress?

Wear comfortable clothes that you would not be concerned with getting dirty or stained with caulk or paint. Wear a baseball style hat to keep dirt and debris out of your hair and to protect your eyes. Safety goggles, work gloves, and dust masks are available on site. If you prefer to wear only new gloves, goggles, etc., please bring your own. Dress in layers to accommodate changes in temperature, inside or outside work. Wear heavy-soled shoes or work boots sneakers BUT NO sandals, flip flops or heels.

Will a restroom be available?

Port-a-potties are available at the work site.

Can I bring my children?

New Jersey State Labor laws prohibit anyone under the age of 16 to work on a construction site.

Will there be food or drink and breaks?

Habitat does not provide lunch unless a group has made special arrangements. We suggest all volunteers bring a bottle of water to keep with them and a bag lunch in a cooler. We break in the morning about 10 to 10:30 and again at around noon for lunch.

Thank you in advance for joining our construction crew and have a great day!