

# MARS HILL + HABITAT FOR HUMANITY [FAQS]

## **DO I HAVE TO HAVE CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT?**

Experience is not required—if you can swing a hammer or wield a paintbrush, you can build. We'll also need hospitality volunteers [site hosts and lunch hosts] for each day of these projects, and you're welcome to serve in that way too.

## **HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO VOLUNTEER? CAN I BRING MY CHILDREN TO THE WORKSITE?**

You must be 18+ to participate in this project, with some exceptions noted in the schedule. Only those children who meet the age requirement are allowed on the worksite.

## **I'M A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL. ARE MY SERVICES NEEDED?**

Skilled carpenters and builders are highly encouraged to sign up. Also, anyone licensed in the trades [framing, plumbing, electrical, flooring, HVAC, landscaping, etc.] may make an in-kind donation of their services. For more information, contact Roger Peterman at 616.774.2431 [ext 223] or [rpeterman@habitatkent.org](mailto:rpeterman@habitatkent.org).

## **SHOULD I BRING MY TOOLS? MAY I BRING MY TOOLS?**

Habitat will loan tools to volunteers who do not have their own, but volunteers are encouraged to bring the following if possible: a hammer, nail apron, pencil, work gloves, utility knife, and tape measure. You may also bring tools specific to the day's task [framing, vinyl siding, painting, etc.].

## **HOW SHOULD I DRESS?**

Dress in weather-appropriate clothing [layers work well], and it is important to wear closed-toed shoes at minimum and hard-soled and -toed boots if available. Dress casual and plan to get dirty. Be sure to remember sunscreen.

## **WILL LUNCH BE PROVIDED?**

Lunch and water will be provided on site.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?**

Leave personal items in your vehicle, but bring sunscreen and tools with you.

## **WHAT IF I CAN'T STAY FOR THE WHOLE SHIFT?**

Volunteers are asked to sign up for a full shift. If someone has to leave mid-shift, that will be okay.

## **HOW MUCH PHYSICAL INTENSITY SHOULD I EXPECT? IF I HAVE A BAD BACK, CAN I STILL HELP?**

Physical demands will depend on the phase of construction, and no person will be expected to lift or climb beyond their comfort zone. Each day includes miscellaneous jobs that can be performed by those who have some limitations. Being a site host is a great way to be on site with minimal physical activity.

## **WHAT IF THERE'S INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING MY SHIFT? SHOULD I STILL GO?**

We do work in the rain, but not in stormy/threatening weather. If at the start of the shift there is any question, please call Colleen at 616.262.6974 for updated information. Sometimes there are alternate jobs, such as painting trim at our warehouse or indoor work on the site.

## **QUESTIONS + CANCELLATIONS?**

If you are unable to work your shift or have a question, contact Colleen, the volunteer coordinator at Habitat [call 616. 262.6974 or email [cmahonvandoren@habitatkent.org](mailto:cmahonvandoren@habitatkent.org)].