

Frequently Asked Questions



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Where are you currently building? We are currently building in the cities of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Jacksonville (east of St. John's Bluff).

When do you build? We build Tuesday through Friday from 8 am - 4 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 12 pm. Volunteers have the option of working a half day (8 am - 12 pm) or a full day, depending on your availability. Directions to the construction site are available through VolunteerUp.

Do I have to sign up for a volunteer opportunity or can I just show up? We require all volunteers to sign up for volunteer opportunities, through VolunteerUp.

Do I have to attend an orientation before volunteering? We do not require a separate off-site orientation prior to volunteering. The Volunteer Coordinator and Construction Manager conduct an on-site orientation at the beginning of each day on the construction site. It is important that you arrive on time to participate in the orientation!

Do you provide water and lunch for me when I come to build? We ask that you bring your own water bottle and lunch to the build site. Beaches Habitat does have water jugs for volunteers to refill their water bottles throughout the day.

Do I need to bring my own tools or other equipment? Beaches Habitat has all the tools and equipment that you'll need on site. You are welcome to bring your own tools if you have them though. Items that we recommend are: hard hat, work gloves, hammer, utility knife, tape measure, etc. Please be sure that all of your personal items are labeled with your name. Beaches Habitat is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items.

What should I wear? We recommend that you wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. Paints, adhesives and other materials that you may be asked to use can stain your clothing! It is very important that you dress properly for the weather - layered clothing in the winter, light weight clothing in the summer. Absolutely no open-toe shoes or sandals are allowed on the construction site. More dress code information is available in VolunteerUp.

How do I get my congregation, community group or other organization involved? If you have a group of over 5 volunteers, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for assistance. For smaller groups, just have everyone sign up individually on VolunteerUP.

Do you have age restrictions? Yes. Safety standards require that volunteers be 16 or older on construction sites. Volunteers aged 16 or 17 must have a Waiver of Liability Form completed by a parent or legal guardian.