



Habitat Wake DeConstruction Volunteer Info

For site address, please visit www.habitatwake.org/getinvolved/sign-volunteer.html



Full-day shift: Begin at 9:00 a.m.; finish by 4:00 p.m.

Morning shift: Begin at 9:00 a.m.; finish by 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon shift: Begin at 12:30 p.m.; finish by 4:00 p.m.

If you arrive early, wait for instructions. Plan to work the entire scheduled time you signed up for. *If you need a different finish time, please make arrangements with the Volunteer Services Manager before your scheduled date.*

WHO DO I REPORT TO? Report to the Staff Supervisor, Ben Leo (796-7134).

WHAT IF IT RAINS? We will not work in a heavy rain or very wet conditions. If you are in doubt about weather, call our **inclement weather hotline after 7:30 am @ 919-833-1999 x 240.**

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING? On deconstruction projects, volunteers and staff “strip out” useable materials and process them to become inventory at the Habitat Wake ReStore. You’ll primarily be removing, de-nailing and stacking lumber.

WHAT TOOLS DO I BRING? It is very helpful to come with basic tools, *but it is not required.* Label any tools you bring with your own/group name. **Basic Tools:** Work gloves, ear plugs and safety goggles.

WHEN IS LUNCH? Please bring lunch (or plan for your group to provide it) and a cooler, if needed. Bring plenty of water or other drinks for the entire day. We’ll break for lunch around noon.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

- Wear good work shoes – boots are best, sneaker are OK. No sandals or open-toed shoes.
- Wear clothes that can get dirty—you will get dirty. Avoid loose fitting or baggy clothes.
- Bring a good hat. Sunscreen it is *essential* for most days March through October.

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE?

- It is *extremely* important to show up on time. The number in the group should match the number registered.
- **Find the Volunteer Sign-In Station.** Checking in is your first priority when you arrive on the site.
- **All volunteers must be at least 16.** Youth 16 and 17 will need to submit a Parental /Guardian Consent Form. The volunteer must bring this form to the site and present it at check-in. Youth ages 16 and 17 must have adults present and providing supervision at a ratio of no less than 1 adult to every 5 youth.
- Safety is our highest concern. When you arrive, staff will provide a safety talk and instructions on how to perform the tasks. If you feel uncomfortable with a task or tool, be sure to ask for help.
- Habitat provides training on all tasks. If you missed the instructions, ask your site supervisor to show you the tasks. Relax and have fun! We are happy to teach you!
- Our primary concern is quality, not speed.
- We can have as many as 30 volunteers at work sites, so it may take a while for staff to assign you a task. Please be patient with our process.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the Volunteer Services Manager at 833-1999 x223 or volunteer@habitatwake.org.

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