



DuPage
Habitat
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Faith Team Build Guide

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

Saturday, April 9, 2022
7:45 AM—3:00 PM

Volunteer Guide

Well, color us excited...

We are thrilled you will be joining us soon on our build site! This packet contains everything we could think of that you may need for prepping for your Team Build. Of course, if we missed something, we are here for your every question. When the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church build team comes out to the construction site, you will be standing on the shoulders of hundreds of volunteers before you and then setting the stage for more to come after you....all as a part of a chain of amazing citizens committed to strengthening DuPage County and helping families realize the stability and health of homeownership. A BIG thanks is hardly enough! But we'll give it a try anyway:

Thanks!

Build Day at a Glance



Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church—Faith Build Day

Saturday, April 9, 2022

22W067 Prairie Green Court, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Registration Link—<https://bit.ly/3sEoQtG>

Schedule

7:45 am	Volunteer Arrival
8:00 am	Welcome and Safety Orientation
8:15 am	Building Begins
12:00 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	Clean-up and Closing
3:00 pm	Volunteer Departure

**Be sure to enter the full address (including zip code!) if navigating by GPS*

Registration

All volunteers must register on our online platform Galaxy prior to the scheduled build day. Your custom registration page is here: <https://bit.ly/3sEoQtG>. To sign up with the team, please log in or create an account.



Build Activities

Build site activities can include anything it takes to build a home start to finish. The specific activity your group will work on is difficult to predict more than a few days in advance. Several factors impact a build schedule, including, weather, the performance of previous volunteer groups, sub-contractor schedules, and the approvals process at the City. Your flexibility and enthusiasm for whatever activity you'll be working on day-of are most appreciated! Some typical volunteer activities include: framing, siding, painting, roofing, laying flooring, hanging doors or windows, trim work, finishing, landscaping and cleaning. All of it is critical to a finished home and a healthier, more stable family!

Build Site Policies



Experience and Conduct

- **No construction experience is required; just a good attitude and the discipline to follow instructions.**
- Volunteers must be able to sustain a seven-hour day of physical labor with reasonable breaks.
- Volunteers are expected to be engaged in the build tasks, use phones only when necessary or while on break and minimize absences from crews for business or personal reasons.

Safety

- All volunteers must be present for the on-site safety orientation in the morning.

Attire

- **Proper build site attire is required and includes hard-soled shoes (boots preferred; robust sneakers acceptable), long pants, appropriate layers for the weather, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty; avoid loose-fitting clothing and jewelry.**

Drugs and Alcohol

- The use of drugs or alcohol is not tolerated on or near DuPage Habitat worksites
- Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be immediately escorted from the premises
- Smoking is not permitted on DuPage Habitat worksites; one may smoke outside of the worksite and must clean up after themselves.

First Aid and Medical

- If there are known medical considerations in your group (e.g. pregnancy), please inform the DuPage Habitat staff coordinator in advance of the build date. We will consult with our construction team to plan for appropriate work if possible.
- Medical emergencies or injuries sustained on site must immediately be reported to a DuPage Habitat Crew Leader for next steps.
- First aid supplies and hospital directions will be available on site.

Weather and Emergencies

- We build year-round and in all kinds of weather; if rain is forecasted, don't assume your team build can't happen! We will only cancel the build day for three reasons (all are dependent on the stage of the homes): extreme cold, extreme moisture, or sustained threat of lightning.
- If there is a weather cancellation, you will be notified via phone and/or email by 7:00 am the day of the build at the latest.
- In the event of an on-site emergency, the DuPage Habitat construction team will give clear instructions; all volunteers must desist their activity and respond immediately.

Lunch



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Your team has to fuel up to keep on building! You will have a 60-minute lunch break and it is highly recommended you stay on site due to time constraints. A Lenten lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



Go forth, have fun



You are now all set! If we missed anything, let us know. We'll do our best to address it immediately, but even if we can't, your feedback can help make this guide more useful for groups going forward. And at that, we'll leave you with this last thought - the narrative that drives us here at DuPage Habitat. We hope it sparks in you the same inspiration that keeps us working hard every day:



No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to have a decent life. We deserve to feel strength and stability day after day. We deserve to know we have the power to care for ourselves and build our futures.

At Habitat for Humanity, this is what unites us. Through shelter, we empower. Our shared vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Because you, me, we – we're all humans. And every single one of us deserves the opportunity for a better future.