

# CANtastic 2010

## *“Spring Into Action – For Our Community”*

### 1st Annual Rhinelander Area Competition

## Rules & Regulations

### A.) AWARDS

- 1.) Awards will be given in the following categories:  
Judge’s Favorite                      Peoples Choice  
Most Cans (following theme)
- 2.) The “Most Cans (following theme)” award will be given to the structure that incorporates the highest number of cans; weight, volume and size will not be considered. Certification of can counts will be accomplished through a two-part form signed by the team leader, one other team member and a CANtastic official. This will take place after building is complete but before judging starts. Teams must submit their signed can count certifications to be eligible for judging.
- 3.) The “People’s Choice” award will be given to the structure that receives the most votes from the general public during the open competition at Trig’s River Walk Centre April 24 PM – May 1 AM, 2010.
  - i.) Visitors to the competition will “vote” for their choice by bringing cans to the Centre and placing them in designated bins in front of their favorite structure. One can = one vote.
  - ii.) Cans used for voting must meet the same criteria as those used in the structures (see add’l. rules below).
  - iii.) Cash will not be accepted as a vote in lieu of actual cans.
- 4.) Winners of all categories will be announced at the Awards Celebration, 9 AM, Sat. May 1.

### B.) STRUCTURES

- 1.) **Maximum** structure size is 4’ wide x 8’ deep (across) and a safe height.
- 2.) Teams must provide a preliminary dimensional sketch or computer image of their structure no later than Wednesday, March 17. Final sketches and your estimated can count and colors are due Wednesday, March 24. These figures and sketches will assist event organizers in assigning construction sites at River Walk Centre. Call first then, fax to the attention of Guy Hansen at 369-7237; or e-mail to [gch@newnorth.net](mailto:gch@newnorth.net).
- 3.) To protect the carpet and make structures more stable, all structures must be built on a 4’x 8’ mat of 1/8” Masonite®.
  - i.) Masonite® mats may be painted to compliment or enhance the theme of the structure but must be painted and fully dry before being brought to the mall. Bottoms may not be painted.
  - ii.) Masonite® will be provided to each team on a complimentary basis by the event sponsor on the ‘Build Day’.

iii.) Masonite® will be available for pick-up before hand on Saturday, April 17 at the build site, if desired.

4.) Structures **must** be structurally self-supporting. **NO** 2x4's, **NO** half-inch plywood, **NO** half-inch tubing. **Permissible:** one quarter-inch thick foam-core, cardboard, masonite, plywood and plexiglass – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials and are not load bearing. Cardboard tubes used as guides are also limited to one quarter-inch thickness.

5.) To be considered self-supporting, it is recommended that all interior spaces, whether visible or not, be filled with cans or approved food items.

6.) Velcro, adhesive putty, clear and double-sided tape may be used.

7.) High-tension rubber bands, nylon string, wire, and tiebacks are permissible.

8.) Permanent adhesives are not permitted.

9.) A good rule to keep in mind is that there must always be a can between each supporting component. Example: you can use wire to support cans; you can use plexi-glass to support cans; you can not use wire to support plexi-glass that is supporting cans.

10.) Questions regarding rules, or rule clarifications should be directed to the Steering Committee by e-mail at [gch@newnorth.net](mailto:gch@newnorth.net).

## C.) CAN & MATERIAL RESTRICTIONS

1.) Aluminum and steel food cans of all sizes may be used. Some food manufacturers have begun using plastic cans. If you are using plastic, be certain they can support the pressure from the cans above.

2.) No glass containers are allowed.

3.) No pet food.

4.) No alcoholic beverages or soda.

5.) Use of junk food such as *Pringles* is discouraged but not prohibited.

6.) No open or exposed food. (attracts vermin)

7.) Cans must be full, unopened, and with labels intact and legible. Labels **may not** be covered, stripped off or altered in any way.

8.) Boxed food items are permissible but less desirable, as are bagged food items such as rice, beans, etc. Teams should exercise caution in the amount on non-can items used.

9.) Props are permitted but should be used only when absolutely necessary. Jurors prefer pure food structures. Try to solve all design problems with food items. All things equal, a structure with props will be the loser when judged against one without props. (Example: a structure that has eyes. One entry uses black cans to make eyes; another cuts out black circles of paper for eyes and pastes them on their cans. Once the jury sees that eyes can be made with cans or a food product, any entry using other non-food materials is in disfavor.)

10.) All teams should be mindful that labels must remain intact during de-build. Caution should be exercised to avoid excessive use of tape.

## D.) TEAMS

1.) Teams may have as many members as are interested in participating but must include at least one (1) individual to act as the team leader and a minimum of five (5) members. The team leader will be the **CANTastic** contact and will be responsible for receiving and disseminating all information.

2.) Teams should seek technical help when planning and designing their structure. Help may be available through the **CANtastic** Steering Committee if needed.

3.) Team members are **encouraged** to arrange for a tour of the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry to help them understand the scope of hunger in the community and how their project enhances and compliments efforts already in place. Tours can be arranged by contacting Jane Motowski, Pantry Manager, at 369-7237 (9 AM-noon) or [rafp@frontiernet.net](mailto:rafp@frontiernet.net).

4.) During the building of structures on Build Day (April 24, 2010) the maximum size of the official team building the structure is five (5) people. Only five (5) people are permitted in the building area (8'x12') at one time. Teams may swap out members but *only five* (5) people may build at any given time. Team leaders are encouraged to swap out building team members, so all team members may participate in building the structure.

5.) Restrictions on the number of people permitted to participate in building the structure are not meant to limit the total number who may be involved in the project. Additional supporters, contributors, and representatives can be involved with can solicitation, publicity, design, fundraising, etc.

6.) Upon receipt of your project's final sketch (due March, 24) your team will be eligible to receive a check for one hundred (\$100.00) dollars contributed by the sponsoring organization. These monies are to be used for expenses deemed reasonable and necessary for the successful completion of your project. Advisors are strongly encouraged to assist student teams in the creation of a project budget to insure that these monies are productively and responsibly spent. Teams must be aware that, 1.) they understand sponsorship funds are for the use of **CANtastic**-only activities, 2.) that receipts for expenses incurred and a simple written budget summary are encouraged, and 3.) that any unused monies will be returned to **CANtastic** officials upon request.

## **E.) ACQUISITION OF CANNED GOODS**

1.) Participating teams are responsible for obtaining their own supply of canned goods.

2.) Teams may solicit canned goods or financial donations from area businesses, organizations, etc.

3.) The most effective way to accumulate cans is through food drives. Teams may want to conduct "targeted drives". That is, if your structure calls for lots of yellow color, you may promote a drive for # 14 *Del Monte Whole Kernel Corn*. If you design a model requiring a red/white scheme, you could have a drive for *Campbell's Tomato* soup. Once a team has determined specifically what canned goods are needed and has established a donation site, it may inform the Steering Committee in an e-mail attachment to [gch@newnorth.net](mailto:gch@newnorth.net) so the need can be promoted in the media for the public to participate in donating the needed items.

4.) All cans should be packed in sturdy cartons (the original cases when possible). Every case and carton should be clearly marked, in heavy black marker, with the team's name and build location (A thru M). During de-build and re-pack, all cans must be in their original boxes/trays or event-approved boxes supplied by RAFF.

## F.) SIGNAGE

- 1.) Each entry must provide a 30"X 24" maximum sign board that will be displayed adjacent to your structure. The creation of this sign may be done by your team or others.
- 2.) Your team must also provide **text** that will identify your structure, promote its theme, and recognize the team members, supporters and contributors involved with the project. This information should be submitted by e-mail in a Word format, no later than Wednesday, April 16, 2010 to [tammy.gobert@associatedbank.com](mailto:tammy.gobert@associatedbank.com)

Follow this order for providing the information -

- i.) **Team name and/or organization** - the way you want it to appear in the program.
  - ii.) **Organization and/or Sponsor**—be certain you get their approval on how they are to be listed.
  - iii.) **Title of Entry** - if any word in your title needs to be italicized, please do so.
  - iv.) **Structure Description** - keep to one paragraph. This is what is provided to jurors and the public as they view each entry. Your descriptions should draw jurors' and publics' eyes to the detail in your design, play on words, double entendres with label names, etc. Don't get caught up in making long drawn out philosophical statements - keep that to one sentence and let your entry speak for itself. Spend your words describing the choices you made in cans and labels to articulate your theme. Include number of cans used, if possible.
  - v.) **Team Names** – Team leader first (no exceptions, no co-captains), then the rest of the team in alphabetical order. Again, be certain of spelling.
  - vi.) **Thank You's** - for any donors, major supporters or other team members who contributed
- 3.) All material submitted for inclusion on event signage or text is subject to review and editing by **CANtastic** officials.
  - 4.) No signage identifying specific teams, sponsors, donors, etc. will be displayed until official judging is complete - only entry titles and descriptive statements.

## G.) BUILD OUT

- 1.) Build out will take place at Trig's River Walk Centre on Saturday, April 24, 2010.
- 2.) Once final dimensional sketches have been received by all teams (due no later than March 24), assignments will be made for where structures are to be built. You will receive a location lettered A thru M on Build Day, April 24.
- 3.) Structures will be built in the glassed-in area across from the Goodwill Store just inside the 'Signature' entrance.
- 4.) You will be required to bring all materials (boxed cans, supplies, tools and equipment) through the service/handicapped accessible entrance under the blue canopy at the back of the Centre. **No materials** can be brought in through the main public doors.
- 5.) Materials may be transported from the service door through service hallway by hand truck, pallet jack, etc. However, when materials are on tiled or carpeted areas, they **must** be moved on soft rubber-tired dollies **only** unless the floor is protected. Some moving equipment or floor protection will be supplied by Trig's and/or RAFF and will be available on build-out day.

- 6.) The six largest teams in terms of can count may be permitted to unload materials on Friday evening, April 23. No pre-staging or any activity related to building may take place.
- 7.) Remaining teams may begin deliveries and pre-staging of materials when the service entrance opens at 6:00AM on Saturday morning April 24. Make certain all boxes and materials are clearly marked with your team name and construction location.
- 8.) Structure building may not start prior to 9:00AM and must be completed by 4:00PM. All teams are given **seven hours maximum** to complete their structures, clean up and have their site ready for judging at 4 PM, Saturday.
- 9.) Teams are **strongly encouraged** to do a "practice build" beforehand. This will help you avoid unanticipated roadblocks and lessen the chance for unpleasant surprises.
- 10.) Try to do as much pre-fabrication as possible. Any components of your structure that can be pre-built and delivered to the site will dramatically reduce build times.
- 11.) Bring plenty of supplies (tapes, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) - **over estimate**.
- 12.) Schedule brainstorming sessions to anticipate any hurdles or roadblocks.
- 13.) Bring appropriate tools - ladder, T-square, levels, etc.
- 14.) Original boxes/trays, and pre-packed "banana" boxes must be saved for re-packaging after the event. We will advise you on Build Day where boxes are to be stored. Make sure they are clearly labeled.
- 15.) Once your structure is complete, you **must** check out with an on-site **CANtastic** official who will note the time, review and approve your clean-up efforts.
- 16.) Teams **must** appoint one representative to confirm your structure is standing and ready for judging.
- 17.) Due to the high amount of activity and cramped quarters, we are requiring **all** participants involved in Build Day activities to wear close-toed shoes. **NO** sandals, flip-flops, clogs, thongs or similar foot wear is permitted.

## H.) JUDGING

- 1.) Judging is done anonymously.
- 2.) Until the judges reviews are completed, signage will display **only** the structure's title and descriptive paragraph. **CANtastic** staff will reveal additional signage carrying team and organization names, team members, etc. once judges have indicated their activities are finished.
- 3.) Judging will begin at 4 PM, Saturday.
- 4.) Certified can count forms are due prior to judging.
- 5.) Team members, mentors, sponsors and students of participating schools are not permitted in the mall while judging is being conducted.
- 6.) Winners will be announced and trophies presented at the Awards Ceremony on May 1.

## I.) DE-CONSTRUCTION

- 1.) Deconstruction begins at 10 AM, Saturday, May 1 and must be completed by 2 PM.
- 2.) Each entry must be taken down and packed in boxes for transport to RAFF. This will be arranged by RAFF/Trigs's. They will provide pallets for stacking the boxes on and **CANtastic** officials will provide volunteers, equipment and materials to shrink-wrap pallets and stage them for pick-up.

- 3.) Because of the tight time-frame, teams are encouraged to enlist as many volunteers as possible to help with the de-construction activities. These may include friends, parents and other individuals willing to assist. Please keep in mind that de-construction of your entries must be conducted in the same structured and organized manner as when they were built. Teams should exercise caution in assuring that labels are not torn and cans are not damaged.
- 4.) Rules regarding the wearing of approved foot wear are in force for deconstruction. Please see Section G, #17.

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