

CANtastic 2024

“HELP HUNGER TAKE A HOLIDAY”

11th Rhinelander Area Food Pantry Competition

February 17 – March 2, 2024

CANtastic Guidance

A.) PARTICIPATION

- 1.) Anyone 'can' form a team and build a CANtastic structure, perhaps a family, church, bank, credit union, school class, group home or youth group.
- 2.) Teams may have any number of participants including at least one (1) team leader who will be the CANtastic contact.
- 3.) Register your team as soon as possible and before Thursday, January 25
- 4.) Registration forms are available online at www.rhinelanderafoodpantry.org or at [The Pantry](#). Include the team name, team leader, structure planned and contact information. Send the registration form to: RAFP 627 Coon St. Rhinelander or to pantry@rhinelanderafoodpantry.org
- 5.) Build your CANtastic structure using the theme and the guidance provided on Build Day, February 17. Any holiday or type of holiday will qualify. All food used in the structure plus any 'supporting' food items will become a Food Pantry donation.
- 6.) Upon receipt of your project's team design idea, your team will be eligible to receive a “starter fund” for one hundred dollars (\$100) if requested. This money is to be used for expenses necessary for building your project. Unused monies should be returned to CANtastic officials.
- 7.) While building structures on Build Day, teams are encouraged to avoid congestion by limiting the number of people actually building the structure.
- 8.) Additional team members, supporter, contributors and representatives can be involved with can solicitation, publicity, design, fundraising, etc.
- 9.) Team members are encouraged to tour the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry to help understand how their project will help relieve hunger in our community. Contact Malisa Vinger, Pantry Coordinator, mornings at 715-369-7237 or at pantry@rhinelanderafoodpantry.org.

B. AWARDS

- 1.) Awards will be given for :

JUDGES' FAVORITE, People's CHOICE and MOST CANS
(following the theme)

- A. The “Judge’s Favorite” award will be decided by 3 independent judges selected locally. Judging criteria are: [Originality/Creativity](#), [Use of Color](#), [Consistency with Theme](#), [Complexity and Overall Affect/Use of Scale](#). Judging will take place after noon on Saturday.

- B.** The “Most Cans (following theme)” award will be given to the structure that incorporates the highest number of cans (or boxes) of food plus 'supporting food.' Certify can counts on the 'can count form', and submit it to a CANTastic official.
- C.** People’s Choice” award will be given to the structure that receives the most votes from the general public while they are on display at Walmart.
 - i) The public may view the structures in the side room near the checkout counters when Walmart is open.
 - ii) People may “vote” for their choice by placing cans of food in the bin in front of their favorite structure. One can = one vote.
 - iii) Cans used for voting must meet the same criteria as those used in the structures (see rules D, #1-6 below).
 - iv) Cash will not be accepted as a vote in lieu of actual cans.
- D.** Winners of all categories will be announced and trophies presented at the Awards Celebration, 9 AM, Saturday March 2.

C.) STRUCTURES

- 1.) **Maximum** structure size is 4' x 8' and a safe height.
- 2.) All structures will be build on a 4' x 8' mat of 1/8” Masonite.
 - i) Masonite will be provided to each team on 'Build Day.'
 - ii) Masonite mats may be painted to compliment or enhance the theme of the structure and must be fully dry before build day. Bottoms may not be painted. Make arrangements with event organizers to obtain the Masonite mat early if desired.
- 3.) Structures must be structurally self-supporting. NO 2x4's, half-inch plywood or half-inch tubing. **Permissible:** one quarter-inch think foam-core, cardboard, Masonite, plywood and Plexiglas- for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials.

D) STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION

- 1.) Aluminum and steel food cans of all sizes may be used. If you use plastic “cans” be certain they can support the pressure from the cans above.
- 2.) Boxed food items are permissible but less desirable, as are bagged food items such as rice, beans, etc.
- 3.) No glass containers.
- 4.) No pet food, alcoholic beverages or soda.
- 5.) Use of ‘junk food’ such as potato or corn chips is discouraged and is not included in the 'can' count.
- 6.) Cans must be full, unopened, and with labels intact and legible.
- 7.) To help make the structure self-supporting, it is recommended that all interior spaces, whether visible or not, be filled with cans or approved food items.
- 8.) Velcro, adhesive putty, clear and double-sided tape, rubber bands, nylon string, wire, and tiebacks may be used.
- 9.) Permanent adhesives are not permitted.
- 10.) Props are permitted. Try to solve all design problems with food items.
- 11.) Keep labels intact during de-build. Avoid excessive use of tape.
- 12.) Questions about the guidance may be directed to a Steering Committee member by email at gch@newnorth.net or bvancos@yahoo.com

E.) ACQUISITION OF BUILDING MATERIALS

- 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.) A good 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 for # 14 *Del Monte Whole Kernel Corn*. If you design a model requiring a red/white scheme, could have a drive for *Campbell's Tomato* soup. Once a team has determined specifically canned goods are needed and has established a donation site, it may be promoted in the media for the public to participate in donating the needed items.
- 4.) Please mark and save the can cases and cartons for the eventual transport to the Pantry.

F.) SIGNAGE

- 1.) Each team will provide a sign board identifying the team, structure, theme, etc. that will be displayed adjacent to your structure.
- 2.) Your team is also requested to provide text for the CANTastic program that will identify your structure, promote its theme and recognize the team members, supporters and contributors involved with the project. Submit this information by e-mail in a Word format, by Friday, February 22 to pantry@rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org. The resulting program will be for the judges and the public as they view each entry. Include number of cans used, if possible.

G.) BUILD DAY

- 1.) **Build Day will take place from 9 AM-noon at Walmart on Saturday, February 17.**
- 2.) Structures will be built in an side room near the check out counters and customer service desk.
- 3.) Bring all materials (boxed cans, supplies, tools and equipment) through the main public entrance at the front of the store.
- 4.) Transport materials on tiled floors with rubber-tired carts or dollies unless the floor is protected. Some moving equipment and floor protection will be supplied by RAFP and will be available on Build Day.
- 5.) Teams may begin deliveries and pre-staging of materials when the entrance opens at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning, Clearly mark all boxes and materials with your team name.
- 6.) Structure building starts at 9:00AM and must be completed and the site cleaned up by noon.
- 7.) Teams are **strongly encouraged** to do a "practice build" beforehand. This will help avoid unanticipated roadblocks and lessen the chance for unpleasant surprises.
- 8.) 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 reduce build times.
- 9.) Bring plenty of supplies (tapes, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) and appropriate tools.
- 10.) Original boxes/trays should be labeled and saved for re-packaging after the event. We will advise you on Build Day where boxes are to be stored.

111.) Once your structure is complete, check out with an on-site **CANtastic** official.

12.) To avoid injury, **all** participants involved in Build Day activities must wear close-toed shoes. **NO** sandals, flip-flops, clogs, or similar foot wear.

H.) DE-CONSTRUCTION

- 1.) Deconstruction begins after the 9 AM Award Ceremony, Saturday, March 2.
- 2.) Each entry must be taken down and packed in boxes for transport to RAFP. This will be arranged by RAFP.
- 3.) De-construction of your entries should be conducted in the same organized manner as when they were built. Assure 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, #12.

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