

Frequently Asked Questions

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I've never held a hammer in my life; can I still work on site?

We welcome volunteers of ALL skill levels and we provide the training that you need! Be aware that construction is a physically demanding activity, and there are dangers associated with it. As such, we ask you to sign a waiver, which is the next sheet in the volunteer packet. Please bring this completed waiver to the site.

What safety information should I know prior to working?

The construction team will train you on all of the safety information you need to know for the day.

How old do I have to be to work on site?

You must be at least 16 years old to work on the construction site; additionally, you must be at least 18 to work on roofs and/or scaffolding or to use power tools. All minors under the age of 18 must arrive with a waiver signed by their parent or guardian. There must be an adult accompanying every five youths under 18 years of age.

Is there parking near the site?

Parking is limited at the sites. Plan to arrive early to look for spaces. If possible, we recommend that you carpool or use public transportation.

It's raining! What do I do?

Construction can continue during rain showers, depending on the state of the site. Often we will have enough work to do indoors to continue working in inclement weather. **If it is raining, please call 408-942-6444 ext. 315 after 6:30 am on the day you are to volunteer.** If the build day has been cancelled there will be a recording letting you know.

What should I wear?

Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and clothes you don't mind ruining. Also be aware that much of the work is outdoors, so dress appropriately for the weather, including rain, wind, sun and/or fog. Paint or other materials could stain your clothes, so wear something that you don't mind getting stained. **DO NOT WEAR JEWELRY!** It could get damaged or lost and is not advisable for a construction site.

What should I bring to the construction site?

First of all, bring a **lunch and water bottle**. Habitat Silicon Valley will provide the hand tools and power tools you will be using. You may bring your own hand tools if you like, but be sure to label them with your name. If you have your own work gloves or safety goggles you may want to bring them as well. Also, be sure to bring your own personal comfort items – sunscreen, a hat and layered clothing for weather changes. **Please leave your valuables at home! There is no storage space at the site.**

When is lunch? Are there restaurants/shops nearby?

There will be a 30 minute lunch break at 12pm. Due to the limited time allowed, we suggest bringing a lunch with you to the site.

How many people can work on site?

The optimal number of site volunteers depends on the site and the work plan for the day. Each site has different capacities, and this specific site can accommodate as few as five or as many as 15 volunteers each day. The safety and adequate supervision of our volunteers is important to us, and our construction crew determines the number of volunteers we have on our sites.

When is the site open?

The construction site is open to volunteers Wednesday-Friday from 8am to 4pm and Saturday-Sunday 9am to 4pm. Reservations required.

When should I arrive at the site?

All volunteers are required to arrive within 15 minutes of start time for registration. At this time you will sign in and complete a waiver. Orientation will follow as well as a safety talk and tasks will be assigned. For safety reasons, we cannot allow anyone to come late; if you miss the safety talk, you may not be able to work on the site that day.

Can I come late/leave early?

We ask for the full 7 or 8-hour commitment from our volunteers on this site. When people show up late or leave early it makes it difficult for our supervisors to properly train volunteers or accomplish the construction goals for the day. **For safety reasons, we cannot allow anyone to come late; if you miss the safety talk, you may not be able to work on the site that day.**

What can I expect to do when I work on the site?

Upon arrival, volunteers must sign the Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liabilities Form. **Everyone must sign the Volunteer Agreement, Assumption of Risk, and Release from Liability Form each workday before they are allowed to begin work.** Habitat Silicon Valley is required to have a record of your participation for legal, insurance and statistical purposes. After signing in, volunteers will receive safety instruction and work assignments from the site supervisor.

The following is an example of a typical workday schedule on a weekday and weekend.

Weekday (Wed-Fri , 8am – 4pm)*

8:00 - 8:10am	Volunteers arrive and sign in
8:10am	Orientation
10:00am	Morning Break
12:00pm	Lunch Break
4:00pm	Day Ends

Weekend (Sat-Sun, 9am – 4pm)*

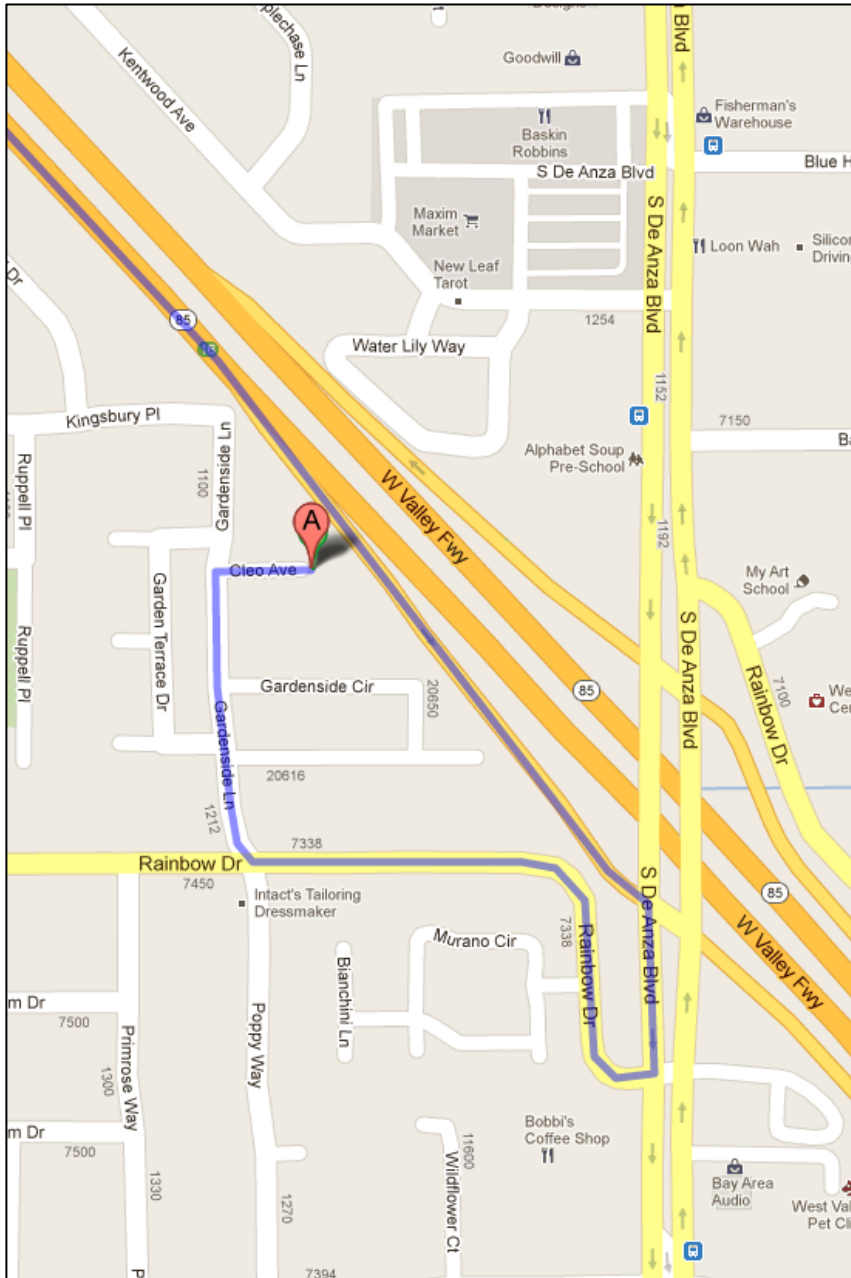
9:00 - 9:10am
9:10am
10:00am
12:00pm
4:00pm

***Please plan to arrive 15-30 minutes early if your team has told you that they are providing breakfast.**

Volunteers are expected to work for the entire day but on occasion the workday may end before 4pm. You will be asked to perform the same task for the entire day, in order to maximize productivity.

DIRECTIONS TO CLEO AVE CONSTRUCTION SITE

Note: There is no set address, please use [Cleo Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014](#)



Directions

From CA-85S:

Take Exit 16 for De Anza Blvd.
Turn **RIGHT** on S. De Anza Blvd.
1st **RIGHT** onto Rainbow Dr.
1st **RIGHT** onto Gardenside Ln.
Turn **RIGHT** onto Cleo Ave!

Parking

These directions will take you to the site, but please **do NOT** park on Cleo Ave!

Please park on the surrounding streets (like Gardenside Lane) and pay special attention to parking restrictions and driveways. The site is an easy walk from the surrounding streets.



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VOLUNTEER'S AGREEMENT

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY and WAIVER OF LIABILITY

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS AND WRITE LEGIBLY:

_____		_____
First and Last Name		Home Phone
_____		_____
Street Address		Work Phone
_____		_____
City, State Zip		Cell Phone

Home Email	Work Email	

Work/Organization		

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Δ PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE AGREEMENT BELOW AND SIGN ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that I have voluntarily agreed to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley ("HfHSV") construction and/or office and/or other volunteer project where I may be working on or around a house, construction site, warehouse, office, or other location ("Project"). I understand that as a volunteer, I will not be paid for my services, that I will not be covered by or eligible for any insurance coverage (if any) of HfHSV, Project homeowners, or other Project volunteers or sponsors, including but not limited to medical, property, and liability insurance, or workers compensation benefits. I further agree that my participation in the Project may be terminated at any time by HfHSV or by me.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that in participating in the Project, I may be exposed to personal injury or death or damage to my property as a result of my activities, the activities of other volunteers, the condition of the construction site or the conditions under which my volunteer services are performed. I acknowledge that I will be working within a construction worksite where power tools, supplies, debris, hazardous materials, and other materials and tools will be handled by unskilled volunteer workers and there will exist hazardous conditions within the worksite area, including but not limited to the use of scaffolding. I am aware that the work may include, but not be limited to construction, loading and unloading, and transportation to and from the worksites. **WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RISKS, I AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY.** I understand that my safety is my own personal responsibility, and that I am free at any time to refuse, and should refuse, to do anything on the Project that I feel poses a hazard to me or anyone else, or to my property or anyone else's. I further understand that I should not use my automobile for any purpose relating to the Project.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: In consideration of the opportunity afforded me to participate in the Project, I hereby agree that I, my successors, assignees, heirs, guardians and legal representatives (collectively, the "releasing parties"), will not make any claim against HfHSV, Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. or any of its affiliated organizations, or its/their officers, directors or employees, or the suppliers of any materials or equipment that are used during the Project, any of the Project volunteers, sponsors, or any homeowner or prospective homeowner (collectively, the "released parties"), and that the releasing parties hereby release and forever discharge the released parties from any and all liability, claims, damages, debts, and demands of whatever kind and nature, whatsoever, in law or in equity, including but not limited to injury, death, loss of use or damage arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of any person or entity, however caused, arising from any participation in the Project, including but not limited to the negligence of any of the released parties (hereinafter, the "claims")/ **WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF**



THE FOREGOING, I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE ANY RIGHTS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE PROJECT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THOSE ARISING OUT OF PERSONAL INJURY TO ME OR MY DEATH, OR LOSS OF USE OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY, AND HEREBY FULLY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM THE CLAIMS.

AUTHORIZATION: I hereby grant and convey to HfHSV all right, title and interest in any and all photographs, images (including digital images) and video and audio recordings made of me, by or on behalf of HfHSV, including but not limited to any royalties, proceeds, and/or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings, and I consent to the unrestricted use by HfHSV and/or any person authorized by them of any photographs, recordings, interview videotapes, motion pictures or similar visual or auditory recording of me created in connection with the Project.

OTHER: I expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of California, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable. This Release shall govern any work I do on any HfHSV Project from and after this date, whether I sign a new Release or not.

KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION: I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND HFHSV AND CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND AUTHORIZATION, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. By signing this agreement, I certify that I am eighteen years of age or older or have delivered the consent of my parent or guardian to HfHSV.

Date	Volunteer Signature
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone #
Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18 years old)	

Yes! I would like to volunteer in other ways (please check all that apply). Check out our website: www.habitatsiliconvalley.org.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Selection Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Committee | |

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