



CANSTRUCTION® 2012

"Building Team Spirit"

6TH Annual Competition

Rules & Regulations

A.) AWARDS

- 1.) Awards will be given in the following categories:

Best Meal*	Peoples Choice
Best Use of Labels*	Best Use of Theme
Structural Ingenuity*	Most Cans (Structure)
Jurors' Favorite*	Most Cans (Collected)
1 st Honorable Mention*	2 nd Honorable Mention*
- 2.) Categories above listed with an asterisk (*) are nationally recognized awards. After the local competition has been held, these winners may be eligible to go on to compete nationally through the submission of slide photography to a panel of jurors that convenes annually at the SDA/AIA National Convention.
- 3.) "Most Cans (Structure)", "Most Cans (Collected)", "Best Use of Theme" and "Peoples Choice" are awards selected by local jurors and are not eligible for the national award competition.
- 4.) The "Most Cans (Structure)" award will be given to the structure that incorporates the highest number of cans; weight, volume and size will not be considered. The "Most Cans (Collected)" award will be given to the team contributing the highest total number of cans on build day (structure plus excess). Certification of can counts will be accomplished through a two-part form signed by Team Advisor (Teacher), Team Captain and a **CANSTRUCTION®** official. This activity will take place the morning of judging. Teams must submit their signed can count certifications to be eligible for judging.
- 5.) 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 Glenbrook Square Mall from April 14th thru April 22nd, 2012.
 - I.) Visitors to the competition will "vote" for their choice by bringing in cans to the mall 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 Can & Material Restrictions)
 - III.) Cash will not be accepted as a vote in lieu of actual cans.
 - IV.) In order to preserve the intent of the "People's Choice" award, **NO** cans collected in school activities may be used as "People's Choice" votes.

B.) STRUCTURES

- 1.) **Maximum** size for a structure is 10ft long x 10ft wide x 8ft high.
- 2.) Teams must provide a preliminary dimensional sketch, or computer image of their structure, as well as a preliminary estimate of the number of cans involved, no later than Friday January 6th, 2012. Final sketches are due Friday February 24th, 2012 and your structural can count is due Friday March 23rd, 2012. These figures and sketches will assist event organizers in assigning construction sites at Glenbrook Square Mall. Fax to the attention of Andy Bullinger at 260-447-4859, or e-mail to abullinger@feedingamerica.org.
- 3.) To protect the ceramic floors and carpeted areas of the mall, structures must be built on a 12' x 12' mat of 1/8 inch 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, or a local supporting partner.
 - III.) Masonite®, as well as other materials supplied to teams (i.e., tape, tape guns, posters, literature, etc.) will be available for pick-up at Community Harvest Food Bank 999 East Tillman Road, Fort Wayne, IN. A schedule of pick-up dates and times will be e-mailed to Advisor and Sponsor Representatives.
 - IV.) Each team will receive (4) full sheets 4' x 12' and one (1) half sheet of 4' x 4'. Other than painting, **no alterations or attachments** are permitted.
 - V.) If you are painting your Masonite® base, please see sketch in the Appendix for lay-out of how mats will be cut and laid out.
- 4.) Structures must be structurally self-supporting, **NO** 2 X 4's **NO** 1/2 inch plywood, **NO** 1/2 inch tubing. **Permissible:** 1/4 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 1/4 inch thickness.
- 5.) To be considered “non-load bearing”, structures may not have voids under support materials; all interior spaces, whether visible or not, must 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 strings, 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. Questions regarding rules, or rule clarifications should be directed to Andy Bullinger by e-mail to abullinger@feedingamerica.org.

C.) CAN & MATERIAL RESTRICTIONS

- 1.) Aluminum and steel food cans of all sizes may be used. Some food manufactures have begun to use plastic cans. If you use plastic cans, you **must 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.

- 5.) Use of soda cans, or junk food cans such as Pringles® is discouraged but not prohibited. Depending on the jury, you run the risk you will be penalized for using non-nutritional food items. Remember the food banks need nutritional food, not junk food. Make every effort in designing your structure to use nutritious, edible foods.
- 6.) No open or exposed food. (attracts vermin)
- 7.) Cans must be full, unopened, and with the labels intact and legible. Labels may not be covered, stripped off or altered in any way.
- 8.) Boxed food items are permissible as are bagged food items such as rice, beans etc. Teams should exercise caution in the amount of the non-can items used, remember the name of the competition is **CAN**-struction.
- 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 team uses black cans to make the eyes. One team cuts out black circles of paper for eyes and pastes them on there cans. Once the jury sees that the eyes can be made with cans or a food product, any entry using other than food material items is in dis-favor.)

D.) TEAMS

- 1.) Teams may have as many members as are interested in participating but must include a school-approved advisor (i.e. teacher, counselor, coach etc.) Mentoring pairs from design and construction industries will be available to support teams design and structural efforts under a specific schedule outlined in the Appendix.
- 2.) Each schools advisor and at least one student (teams must appoint a student captain) are required to attend the Rules Review meeting on November 4th at Community Harvest Food Bank. A tour of the food bank will be conducted to help all participants understand the scope of hunger in the community and how their project enhances and compliments the efforts already in place.
- 3.) During the building of the structures on "Build Day", Friday April 13th, 2012 at Glenbrook Square Mall, the maximum size of the official team building the structure is (5) people. Only five (5) people are permitted in the building area (12ft X 12ft) at one time. Teams may swap out members, but only five (5) people may build at any given time. Swap-out time may not exceed ten (10) minutes.
- 4.) 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 students and sponsor/mentor representatives can be involved with can solicitation, in-school publicity, design, fundraising etc.
- 5.) Upon receipt of your project's final sketch (Due February 24th, 2012) your school may be eligible to receive a check from a designated local sponsoring organization. These monies are to be used for expenses deemed reasonable and necessary for the successful completion of your project. School Advisors and Mentors are strongly encouraged to assist student teams in the creation of a project budget to insure that these monies are productively and responsibly spent. School Advisors will be asked to certify that 1.) They understand sponsorship funds are for the use of CANSTRUCTION® only activities. 2.) That the receipts for expenses incurred and a simple written budget summary is encouraged, and 3.) That the unused monies will be returned to CANSTRUCTION® officials upon request.

E.) ACQUISITION OF CANNED GOODS

- 1.) Participating schools are responsible for obtaining their own supply of canned goods.
- 2.) Teams are encouraged to solicit canned goods or financial donations from area grocery stores, food wholesalers, vendors, consultants or contractors.
- 3.) The most effective way to accumulate cans is through school food drives. Students 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 drive for *Campbell's Tomato* soup. Different can/color needs can be segregated by grade (freshman, sophomore etc.) and by classroom. The basketball team can get *Chicken-of-the-Sea* tuna; the cheerleaders can get *Hunt's Tomato Paste*, and so on. Junior and Middle feeder schools can also be recruited into the project.
- 4.) CANSTRUCTION® 2012 **is not** registered as a 501(c)(3) charity. This means you should instruct those wishing to make donations of cans or cash, to classify their donation as a marketing/public relations expense so it will be a legitimately deductible expense. Teams should keep an accurate summary of all donations so that your contributors can receive their marketing and PR exposure through printed materials and at the final awards banquet.
- 5.) All cans should be packed in sturdy cartons (always the original cases when possible). Every case should be clearly marked, in heavy black marker, with the school name and mall build location (A thru M). During de-build and re-pack, all cans must be in their original boxes/trays or event-approved "banana" boxes supplied by *Community Harvest Food Bank*

F.) SIGNAGE

- 1.) Each entry will feature a 30"x 42" sign board that will be displayed adjacent to your structure. The graphics and layout for these signs will be done by the event organizers- **not** your team. There is an official standard for layout that is used without exception.
- 2.) Your team is required to provide the text that will identify your structure, promote its theme, and recognize the team members and supporters involved with the project. A sample sign board is included in the Appendix. This information should be submitted by e-mail in a Word format no later than Friday March 2nd, 2012 to Andy Bullinger at abullinger@feedingamerica.org. Do not list the categories in your document but follow this order for providing the information.
 - I.) **School Name** – the way you want it to appear in the program. Confirm with your advisor.
 - II.) **Mentor names/Sponsor**- this information will be filled in by officials from CANSTRUCTION®. Please leave this part blank.
 - III.) **Title of Entry** – if any word in your title need to be italicized, please do so.

- IV.) **Structure Description**- keep it to one paragraph. This is what is provided to jurors and the public as they view each entry. Your descriptions should draw juror's and public's eye 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. Be sure to spell check.
- V.) **10 Personal Team Names** – Captain first (no exceptions, no co-captains), then the rest of the team is alphabetical order. Again, be certain of the spelling.
- VI.) **Thank You's** – for any donors, major supporters or other team members who contributed. If you are receiving major support from a food manufacturer or grocery store and need to display a sign with their logo, you will need to create a separate board at your expense.
- VII.) Observe the following guidelines when submitting your Word document.
- do not format your document
 - flush left on all required text
 - enter a return between each piece of information required
 - do not choose fonts, sizes, graphics, etc.
 - no columns
 - no text boxes, picture boxes or logos
 - do not do your own formatting
 - a sample of a completed board is enclosed in the Appendix

- 3.) All material submitted for the inclusion on event signage is subject to review and editing by **CANSTRUCTION®** officials.
- 4.) No signage identifying specific schools, sponsors, donors, etc. will be displayed until the judging is complete – only entry titles and descriptive statements.
- 5.) Structure sponsors, supporters and other contributors may be recognized by names only, no corporate logos are permitted unless approved by **CANSTRUCTION®** staff.

G.)BUILD OUT

- 1.) Build out will take place at Glenbrook Square Mall on April 13th, 2012
- 2.) Once final structural can counts have been received by all teams (due no later than Friday, March 23rd, 2012)
- 3.) Structure will be built in two main areas, *Macy's* and *Sear's* courtyards.
- 4.) Based on your location assignment, you will be required to bring all materials (boxed cans, supplies, tools and equipment) through designated service doors. **No materials** can be brought in through the main public doors.
- 5.) Materials may be transported from service doors through service hallways by hand truck, pallet jack, etc. However, once materials reach tiled or carpeted public areas, they must be moved on rubber-tired four wheel dollies only. These will be supplied by *Community Harvest Food Bank* and will be available on build-out day at your assigned unloading areas.

- 6.) The six largest teams in terms of can count may be permitted to unload materials on Thursday evening April 12th. To comply with the mall's security requirements, preload teams will be staggered in approximately forty-five minute intervals beginning at 6:00PM. No pre-staging or any activity related to building may take place.
- 7.) Remaining teams will begin deliveries and pre-staging of materials when service entrances of the mall open at 6:00AM on Friday morning April 13th. Make certain all boxes and materials are clearly marked with your school name and construction location.
- 8.) Structure building may **not** start prior to 9:00AM and **must** be completed by 9:00PM. All teams are given **twelve hours maximum** to complete their structures, clean up and have their site ready for judging Saturday April, 14th.
- 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 your build time.
- 11.) Bring plenty of supplies, (tapes, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) – **over estimate**.
- 12.) Schedule brainstorming sessions to anticipate and 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-packing after the event. We will advise you prior to Build Day where boxes are to be stored. Make sure they are clearly labeled.
- 15.) Once your structure is complete, you **must** sign out with an on-site **CANSTRUCTION®** 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 on Saturday morning April 14th.
- 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. This request must be honored by all.

H.)JUDGING

- 1.) Judging is done anonymously.
- 2.) Until the judges reviews are completed, signage will display only the structures title and descriptive paragraph. **CANSTRUCTION®** staff will post additional signage carrying school sponsor/mentor names, team members, etc. once judges have indicated their activities are finished.
- 3.) Judging will commence at 10:00AM Saturday April 14th, and be completed by 12:00 Noon.
- 4.) Team members, mentors, sponsors and students of participating schools are not permitted in the mall while judging is being conducted.
- 5.) Winners will be announced and trophies presented at eh Awards Ceremony on Monday April 23rd.
- 6.) Certified can count forms are due prior to judging.

I.) DE-CONSTRUCTION

- 1.) Deconstruction begins at 4:00PM on Sunday, April 22nd, and must be completed by close of the mall at 6:00PM that same day.
- 2.) Each entry must be taken down and packed in boxes for shipment to Community Harvest Food Bank. This will be done by a contracted trucking firm. They will provide pallets for stacking the boxes on (in service hallways only) and CANSTRUCTION® officials will provide volunteers, equipment and materials to shrink-wrap pallets and stage them for pick-up on Monday AM April 22nd.
- 3.) Because of the tight time-frame, teams are encourage 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 sculpture 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.) Do not use banana box lids as bottom support boxes for canned goods. All repacking of cans is to be done with boxes having full bottom support.
- 5.) Rules regarding the wearing of approved foot wear are in force for deconstruction as well. Please see Section G paragraph #17.

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Central High School

Descriptive Paragraph

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