



# **CANtastic 2017**

## *"Hunger Is Not a Fairy Tale"*

### **7th Annual Rhineland Area Competition**

Rhineland Area Food Pantry  
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#### **PURPOSE, GOALS, BENEFITS**

##### **A. Purpose:**

Provide a fun community event that will benefit participants and help feed the hungry.

##### **B. Goals:**

1. Challenge teams to design and build structures out of canned goods,
2. Invite any community groups/organizations (clubs, Scouts, YMCA, schools, businesses, churches, etc.) to participate,
3. Involve 5 (minimum) – 12 (maximum) "build groups",
4. Have a theme that will allow for structures that are relatively simple to construct,
5. Build and display (at The Rouman Cinema, Lincoln Street)  
March 11, 2017
6. Award prizes for – judges choice, most cans used and people's favorite categories,
7. Donate food to The Food Pantry.

##### **C. Benefits:**

1. Community participation through food donations, watching on 'build day' and judging.
2. Design/build competition teaches groups about design and construction in a fun setting.
3. Provides a unique and fun way for groups and individuals to serve others and help feed the hungry.

Rhineland Area Food Pantry (RAFP) MISSION: We strive to achieve food security for everyone in our community through collaboration, cooperation, advocacy, resource sharing and increased public awareness.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- January & February Form team, review Rules & Regulations, select design structure and gather materials.  
[www.rhinelandareafoodpantry.org](http://www.rhinelandareafoodpantry.org)
- Mon. 1/23 to Wed. 3/1 Register team and team design  
Registration form, event schedule and rules/regulations on line at  
[www.rhinelandareafoodpantry.org](http://www.rhinelandareafoodpantry.org) or email--  
[rafp@frontiernet.net](mailto:rafp@frontiernet.net) or [gch@newnorth.net](mailto:gch@newnorth.net)
- If requested Team meeting/Q-A session with CANTastic committee member(s) As requested
- Mon. 3/6 Deadline to submit word doc. describing structure, theme, teams, sponsors, etc. (see Rules F-2) Send to-----[merry.lehmer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:merry.lehmer@ces.uwex.edu)
- Sat. 3/11 Build Day! 9AM-Noon The Rouman Cinema  
Doors open at 7:30 AM
- Sat. 3/11 Official judging – Noon The Rouman Cinema
- Sat. 3/11 to Sat. 3/25 On display. Public voting\* (4-9 PM M-F, 1-9 PM S&S) The Rouman Cinema
- Sat. 3/25 Awards Celebration 9 AM and De-build The Rouman Cinema  
\* 1 can or box donation = 1 vote

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# Rules & Regulations

## A.) AWARDS

1. Awards will be given in the following categories:

Judge's Favorite                      People's Choice    Most Cans (following theme)

A. The “Judge’s Favorite” award will be decided by 3 independent judges selected locally. Judging will begin after noon Saturday when teams are gone.

Judging criteria are: **Originality/Creativity, Use of Color, Consistency with Theme, Complexity and Overall Affect/Use of Scale**

- B. The “Most Cans (following theme)” award will be given to the structure that incorporates the highest number of cans (or boxes) of food. Certify can counts on the 'can count form' signed by the team leader and submitted to a CANTastic official. This will take place after building is complete but before judging starts.
- C. The “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 The Rouman Theater, Lincoln Street.
  - i) The public may view the structures at the theater from 4-9 PM week days and from 1-9 PM weekends.
  - 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 C, #1-8 below).
  - iv.) Cash will not be accepted as a vote in lieu of actual cans.

- 2.) Winners of all categories will be announced and trophies presented at the Awards Celebration, 9 AM, Saturday, March 25.

## B.) STRUCTURES

- 1.) **Maximum** structure size is 4’ wide x 8’ deep (across) and a safe height.

2.) Teams should register as soon as possible but not later than Wednesday, March 1. Registration forms are available online at [www.rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org](http://www.rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org) or at The Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. Registering the team, team leader, structure planned, contact information, etc. early will help teams organize and will assist event organizers plan. Send the registration form to: RAFP 627 Coon St. Rhinelander or scan and e-mail to [rafp@frontiernet.net](mailto:rafp@frontiernet.net) or [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® will be provided to each team on a complimentary basis by the event sponsor on the ‘Build Day’.
  - ii.) 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 theater. Bottoms may not be painted. Make arrangements with event organizers to obtain the Masonite mat early 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 Plexiglas– for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials. 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 or box between each supporting component. Example: you can use wire to support cans; you can use exile-glass to support cans; you can not use wire to support Plexiglas that is supporting cans.
- 10.) Questions regarding rules, or rule clarifications should be directed to a Steering Committee member by e-mail at [gch@newnorth.net](mailto:gch@newnorth.net) or [bvancos@yahoo.com](mailto:bvancos@yahoo.com)
- 11.) You may get some ideas from 'Sketch Up' on Google.

## C.) CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 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 potato or corn chips 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.
- 8.) Boxed food items are permissible but less desirable, as are bagged food items such as rice, beans, etc.
- 9.) Props are permitted but should be used only when absolutely necessary. Try to solve all design problems with food items. All things equal, a structure with props will be judged less favorably than 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. The entry using eyes made with cans or a food product will be favored over the entry using non-food materials.)
- 10.) All teams should be mindful that labels must remain intact during de-build. 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. The team leader will be the **CANTastic** contact and will be responsible for receiving and disseminating all information.
- 2.) Teams may want to seek technical help when planning and designing their structure. Help may be available through the **CANTastic** Steering Committee.
- 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.) While building structures on Build Day, teams are encouraged to avoid congestion by limiting the number of people actually building the structure to five (5) people. Team leaders are encouraged to swap out building team members, so all team members may participate in building the structure.
- 5.) Additional team members, supporters, contributors, and representatives can be involved with can solicitation, publicity, design, fundraising, etc.
- 6.) Upon receipt of your project's team design idea, your team will be eligible to receive a "starter fund" for one hundred (\$100.00) dollars if reequested. This money is to be used for expenses necessary for the completion of your project. Advisers are encouraged to assist student teams in the creation of a project budget to insure that these monies are responsibly spent. Be aware that: 1.) sponsorship funds are for the use of **CANTastic**

-only activities, 2.) receipts for expenses incurred and a simple written budget summary are encouraged, and 3.) any unused monies will be returned to **CANtastic** officials.

## 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. Cases and cartons should be marked with the team's name and saved for reuse during de-build. See G.) Build Day #13.

## 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 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, no later than Monday, March 6 to [merry.lehmer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:merry.lehmer@ces.uwex.edu).
- 3.) 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**—check for proper listing and spelling.
  - iii.) **Title of Entry**
  - iv.) **Structure Description** - keep to one paragraph. This is what is provided to judges and the public as they view each entry. Your descriptions should draw judges' and public's' eyes to the detail in your design, play on words, double entendres with label names, etc. Keep it short and let your entry speak for itself. You may describe 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, then the rest of the team in alphabetical order. Again, check spelling.
  - vi.) **Thank You's** - for any donors, major supporters or other team members who contributed
- 4.) All material submitted for inclusion on event signage or text is subject to review and editing by **CANtastic** officials.

## G.) BUILD DAY

- 1.) Build Day will take place from 9 AM-noon at the Rouman Cinema on Saturday, March 11, 2017.
- 2.) Once Team designs have been received by all teams, assignments will be made for where structures are to be built.
- 3.) Structures will be built in an area provided in the theater lobby.
- 4.) Bring all materials (boxed cans, supplies, tools and equipment) through the main public entrance at the front of the theater.
- 5.) Materials may be transported by hand truck, wagon or cart. However, when materials are on tiled or carpeted areas, they **must** be moved on soft rubber-tired carts or dollies **only**

unless the floor is protected. Some moving equipment and floor protection will be supplied by RAFP and will be available on Build Day.

- 6.) Teams may begin deliveries and pre-staging of materials when the entrance opens at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning, Clearly mark all boxes and materials with your team name.
- 7.) Structure building starts at 9:00AM and must be completed by noon.  
All teams are given **three hours maximum** to complete their structures, clean up and have their site ready for judging at noon, Saturday.
- 8.) Teams are **strongly encouraged** to do a "practice build" beforehand. This will help avoid unanticipated roadblocks and lessen the chance for unpleasant surprises.
- 9.) 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.
- 10.) Bring plenty of supplies (tapes, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) - **over estimate**.
- 11.) Schedule brainstorming sessions to anticipate any hurdles or roadblocks.
- 12.) Bring appropriate tools - ladder, T-square, levels, etc.
- 13.) Original boxes/trays, and pre-packed "banana" boxes should 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.
- 14.) 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.
- 15.) Teams **must** appoint one representative to confirm your structure is standing and ready for judging.
- 16.) 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.) DE-CONSTRUCTION

- 1.) Deconstruction begins after the 9 AM Award Ceremony, Saturday, March 25 and must be completed by noon.
- 2.) Each entry must be taken down and packed in boxes for transport to RAFP. This will be arranged by RAFP. 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. De-construction of your entries should 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, #16.

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## **CANtastic Team Registration**

Thank you for your interest in CANtastic. Please print and complete this form to submit your registration.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Structure Planned: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bring or mail to: RAFP 627 Coon St. Rhineland, WI 54501  
or – e-mail to [rafp@frontiernet.net](mailto:rafp@frontiernet.net) or [gch@newnorth.net](mailto:gch@newnorth.net)

Questions: Call 715-282-5810