



Fifteenth Annual
***Build A House...Build A Dream!* Contest for Kids**
March 17, 2018 at



About the Event

Now in its fifteenth year, *Build a House...Build a Dream* raises awareness of the home-building efforts of Habitat for Humanity in the local Delaware Valley.

Fifth grade students throughout the Delaware Valley work individually or in pairs to build their own three-dimensional, model “dream homes.” Students bring these models to our contest on the morning of Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Church Farm School in Exton for display and judging by architects, engineers, builders, realtors, and other professionals. There will be three rounds of judging with contestants being dismissed after each round. Contestants will arrive around 8:30AM and the first round will start at approximately 9:15AM. All three rounds and awards will conclude by the early afternoon. Contestants that are dismissed are welcome to stay for the duration of the event. Food, raffles, activities, and fun are promised for all who attend!

These three dimensional models are only limited by students’ imaginations! In previous years, students have created model houses designed to withstand tsunamis, houses based on spaceships and bongo drums, houses made entirely of pencils and pasta, and energy efficient, environmentally friendly homes. All children receive recognition for their efforts and the top three entries earn prizes.

Since 2002, more than 5,000 fifth grade students representing some 750 schools throughout the area have participated, and the contest has raised roughly a half million dollars through sponsorship to help support Habitat's regional homebuilding initiatives.

How to enter:

This free contest is open to fifth grade students in public, private, parochial, charter, and home schools throughout the Philadelphia area. Students may work individually or in pairs.

Starting November 1, contestants may register online at www.hfhcc.org/buildahouse2018 or by calling Kate at 610-384-7993 x19. If your child is working in a pair, only **one** registration form must be filled out including **both** students' names, addresses, and emails. Participants will receive a confirmation email with guidelines after registering. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, as space constraints may limit the number of entries accepted. **All entries must be received by Friday, February 23.**

Contest Rules:

- Models must be three-dimensional and fit on a base **no larger** than 2ft x 3ft.
- Students must prepare one written description of about 100 words or less explaining why this is their idea of a dream house and highlighting any interesting features. This paragraph should be displayed with their homes.
- Electrical outlets will not be available.
- The use of liquids (water, slime, etc.) is not permitted, as we want to preserve the cleanliness of the contest venue.
- Students must be prepared to discuss their entry with contest judges.
- Model homes will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Originality and creativity
 - Use of materials
 - Appearance and design
 - Independent effort (this is a contest for kids, not their parents!)

About Habitat for Humanity of Chester County:

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County helps hard-working, low-income families achieve homeownership. Habitat homes are not free and are sold to partner families using a no-interest 30-year mortgage. These partner families are chosen based upon their need for affordable housing, their ability to pay their monthly mortgage, and their willingness to complete 200 hours (or 400 for a couple) of volunteer labor, or "sweat equity," at the construction site. Since 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Chester County has given a hand up, not a hand out, to 147 families thanks to countless volunteer hours and the financial support of our community. For more information, visit www.hfhcc.org.

About our Venue:

Church Farm School is a day and boarding college preparatory school for boys in grades 9-12 offering a competitive, affordable and personalized education in Chester County, PA. For the third year in a row, the contest will take place in their Pavilion. Learn more about Church Farm School at www.gocfs.net.

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