



The Countdown Begins!

We're counting the days and getting ready for Whirlpool® Building Blocks (WBB) in Atlanta that's fast approaching. Building a home in such a short amount of time will be very exciting, energizing and rewarding. It also can be very tiring, challenging and emotional. We encourage you to come with a willing heart and an open mind.

Each Habitat build is unique – due to location, leadership and mission. Please remember this as you prepare for the week and work with your fellow teammates. One of the greatest rewards of a build like this is the tremendous camaraderie that is developed not only among those working on your assigned house, but also among the entire build team. You should come with an eagerness to work with others toward a common goal and know that in the end you'll receive much more than that in return.

Here is some helpful information as you get ready for the build week:

Weather: The weather in Atlanta in August and September is fairly predictable – hot, humid and maybe some rain. Average temperatures range from a low of 68°F to highs around 86°F. Check out the weather prior to packing for a better idea of what to expect. You can go to www.weather.com and search for the weather in Atlanta, GA.

Hotel: Participants from out of town will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Downtown for the week. This hotel has many amenities and facilities which will enable us to enjoy the team camaraderie which is an important element of Whirlpool® Building Blocks. It is located immediately adjacent to Centennial Olympic Park, the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coca-Cola Museum. Some amenities include:

- Pool
- Fitness Center
- Business Center
- Complementary high-speed internet access

Pack Your Bags - You're Heading to Atlanta!

You know what they say: half the fun is getting there. We also think it's important to get there with all the gear you need so you can have a great experience WHILE you're there!

Participants who will be volunteering the entire week will receive the following items for use on the build site:

- Two WBB 2009 t-shirts
- Hard hat
- Baseball cap
- Nail apron
- Water bottle
- Safety glasses
- Work gloves
- Bandana
- Tote bag

Below is a list of other items you should be sure to pack as you prepare for the build:

- Climate appropriate clothing (please no sleeveless shirts or short shorts)
- Closed-toe shoes
- Extra t-shirts
- Workout clothes (if you so desire)
- Swimsuit (if you so desire)
- Prescription medication if needed
- Pain relievers
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Personal care items
- Fanny pack
- Disposable camera
- A smile!

Things best left at home:

- Jewelry and valuables
- Personal tools
- Pets
- Weapons
- Non-prescription drugs

And, please observe these common courtesies for the week:

- Work in team spirit
- If you have a question – ASK!
- Limit cell phone use to breaks and lunch
- Please leave your tools at home (tools will be provided for your use)
- No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on the build site at any time
- No iPods, CD players, Walkmans, MP3 devices, etc. on the build site

If you have additional questions about the event, please contact Tera @ tpham@meetings-incentives.com.

Coming next week: Information about the Atlanta area

STAY TUNED! House Assignments will be announced in a few weeks.

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Are you a seasoned WBB volunteer or maybe new to the Habitat experience?

Find out more about what to expect by chatting with previous participants. Visit www.whirlpool.com/BuildingBlocksFacebook and ask your most pressing questions to WBB veterans. While you're there, check out the latest photos and comments from volunteers like you.

