

MANNAFEST: CanStruction 2019

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR TEAMS

Overview

The sponsor of this CanStruction event is the MannaFest Food Panty which is a registered non-profit organization.

This event is designed to bring food supplies into the MannaFest panty, and to get community involvement and increase awareness of the mission of the MannaFest pantry.

Any food supplies gathered through this CanStruction process will be given to the MannaFest Food pantry for inclusion into their distribution to the needy public in Polk County..

Structures will be registered and assigned in the following **Size Categories**:

- Large – over 500 building Blocks/Cans
- Medium – 250 – 500 Building Blocks/Cans
- Small – Under 250 Building Blocks/Cans

Teams will be allowed to declare the final **Size Category** size at the time of judging.

Structures will be also be registered and assigned in the following **Judging Categories**:

- Best Interpretation of Theme (Leading the Fight against Hunger in Polk County)
- Best Polk County Inspiration
- Best Creative use of Food and Labels

Teams will be allowed to declare the final **Judging Category** at the time of judging.

The three award groups will be presented to the top three entries within each **Size and Judging Category**.

Registration

All entries must complete the registration process.

Complete and submit the provided registration form. Forms can be gotten from the MannaFest Food Pantry, the MannaFest food pantry Web site (www.MannaFestLivingstonTexas.org) and by contacting GB Wise (gbwise48@gmail.com).

The Registration deadline is noon, December 2, 2019.

Signage

MannaFest CanStruction signage must appear along-side each of the team entries, promoting MannaFest Food Pantry and the CanStruction event. Such signage will be provided to each entry by the CanStruction organizer.

Official Team names, volunteers, (and potential donors) may appear on the separate signage accompanying the structure. This information is encouraged to be included.

Building materials

All building materials and methods observed the day of the judging will be conveyed to the Jury.

Make every effort in designing your structure to use nutritious, edible foods. Remember the Food Pantry needs nutritional food, not junk food.

- No glass containers allowed
- No pet food.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- No opened or exposed food.
- Cans must be full, unopened, and with labels intact and legible.
- Labels may not be covered, stripped off or altered in any way.
- All things equal, a structure with props will lose when judged against a structure with no props
Example: a structure that has eyes. One entry uses black cans to make eyes; another entry cuts out black circles of paper and tapes on cans for eyes. Once the jury sees that eyes can be made from cans or a food product, any entry using such food products may be viewed more favorably.

Structures **MUST** be structurally self-supporting.

- ¼" leveling materials will be allowed. A structure where the ¼" leveling materials cannot be seen is usually judged superior to a structure where leveling materials are in plain view.
- Velcro or clear and double-faced tape may be used.
- High-tension rubber bands, nylon string, wire, tie-backs are permissible.
- No permanent adhesives.
- Some food manufacturers are switching to plastic. If using plastic containers, make sure they can take the pressure of cans from above.

Acquisition of Building Materials (Cans)

- Competing teams are responsible for obtaining their own supply of canned goods.
- Teams/Firms may solicit canned goods and/or financial donations.
- Naming the contributors on your sign next to your structure will create great marketing/pr exposure.
- Tax Receipts can be issued for donations (monetary or food supplies) to MannaFest.
- Food Donors are encouraged to take the contribution as a marketing/public relations business expense.
- Teams/Firms building category LARGE Size may (depending on availability) be able to purchase CANS from the food pantry at discounted pricing.

Build Deadline

Your team build must be completed by December 2nd at 5PM.

All CanStruction builds will be done on your site. Please let the event coordinator know if your site is publicly accessible for community visits.

Community Viewing

The public community touring, with your permission, will be allowed on weekdays only, December 3rd thru December 6th. Later community viewing will only be done at your team's discretion.

Judging Entries

The panel of judges ("the jury") will be comprised of volunteers from the MannaFest Food Pantry.

Judging will begin no earlier than Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 10 AM and complete that same day by 5 PM.

Photographs will be taken of each entry before judging. Team members are encouraged to join into the build photographs.

You are invited to take your own photos of the structures. No photos will be available for purchase.

The Jury will interpret the rules and regulations in making their determination.

Competition organizers do not disqualify an entry. All decisions are left in the hands of the Jury.

The Awards Presentation

Awards will be presented on December 7th, during the Tour of Homes, at 7:00 PM.

Teams do not have to be present at the awards presentation to win.

Winning teams may have their photos taken at the awards presentation. Winning teams will be submitted to the local newspaper for inclusion into community events.

Tear Down of Canstruction Builds

Teams are encouraged to begin de-construction at their discretion any time after the Awards Presentation on December 7th. Should a team choose to leave their entry up, it is entirely up to each team to de-construct their entry at their discretion through the month of December.