

CANSTRUCTION

San Antonio's 6th Annual Design Build Competition

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Awards will be given in the following categories:

Best Meal

Best Use of Labels

Structural Ingenuity

Jurors' Favorite

2 Honorable Mentions

People's Choice*

After all the competitions are held, local winners go on to compete internationally through submission of digital photography to a panel of jurors that convenes at the SDA Annual Convention in the spring of each year. *The local jury may give additional awards such as the People's Choice award; however, they do not proceed to the international competition.

- **Maximum** size for a structure is **10'L x 10'W x 8'H**.
- **Each team is required to submit a sketch or computer image and dimensions of their structure by July 29, 2011.** Firm names will be kept anonymous prior to announcement of winners. Email to **Antonia Bowman** at **abowman@fpcarch.com** with "Canstruction Concept" in the subject line. Please send a PDF or jpeg file. Do not send CAD or Revit files.
- **Maximum size of the official team** that actually builds the canstruction is **five (5) people**. **Only 5 people** will be permitted to be on the build site at one time. You may have one additional person to un-box cans. Five people include those who are cutting foam-core and other materials, etc. Teams may swap out members and are allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for transition. Regardless of how many people in the firm/school participate, five people must be selected as the official team members. Their names will appear on the signage accompanying the structure.
- Aluminum food cans of all sizes may be used. Some food manufacturers are switching to plastic cans. If using plastic containers make sure they can withstand the pressure of cans from above.
- No glass containers allowed.
- No pet food.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Use of soda or junk food, such as Pringles – depending on the jury, you run the risk that they will penalize you for using non-nutritional items, i.e., you could lose. Remember the food banks need nutritional food, not junk food. Make every effort in designing your structure to use nutritious, edible foods.

- No opened or exposed food (as it attracts vermin).
- Cans must be full, unopened, and with labels intact and legible. Labels **may not** be covered, stripped off or altered in any way. **Do NOT use tape or any other adhesive on label surface.**
- Use of boxes and bags is **strongly** discouraged. The name of the competition is **CAN** – struction. Jurors prefer to follow the name of the competition and in recent years structures with boxes did not make it through the elimination process at the international level.
- Props are **strongly** discouraged. 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 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 them on cans for eyes. Once the jury sees that eyes can be made from cans or a food product, any entry that used paper cutouts is in disfavor.)
- Structures **MUST** be structurally self-supporting. **NO** 2x4s, **NO** half-inch plywood, **NO** half-inch thick tubing, **NO** sheet metal. **Permissible: one-quarter inch thick** foam-core, cardboard, masonite, plywood, Plexiglas, threaded rod – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials and are not load bearing. Cardboard tubes used as guides must also be limited to one-quarter inch thick. A structure where the 1/4" leveling materials cannot be seen is usually judged superior to a structure where it is in plain view.
- Velcro, clear and double-faced tape may be used.
- High-tension rubber bands, nylon string, wire, tie-backs are permissible.
- No permanent adhesives.
- **Teams should visit their assigned site well in advance of the build-out date to determine if there are any problems in positioning their entry in the space provided.** Structures should be placed well back from any window walls for photographic purposes. The host site requires that each team provide a carpeted base upon which to build their structure.
- Teams are responsible for leaving their site “broom-clean.”

ACQUISITION OF CANNED GOODS

- Participating firms are responsible for obtaining their own supply of canned goods.
- Firms may solicit canned good and/or financial donations from manufacturers, consultants, vendors, contractors or conduct employee food drives. **All canned goods must be purchased and ready for delivery by September 11, 2011 -- without exception!**
- The local competition ***is not*** a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity. AFTER THE EVENT (and by the end of the calendar year) the San Antonio Food Bank will send a thank you letter with their taxpayer I.D. to food donors (you must provide us with list of names, addresses and amount of each donation) to use as a charitable tax deduction, BUT in the interim please instruct any and all donors to take the contribution as a marketing/public relations business expense. Naming the contributors on your sign next to your structure will give them their marketing/pr exposure.
- Cans should be packed in sturdy cartons and labeled with your team/ firm name and the location name/number.
- If arranging for canned goods from an out-of-town supplier, they must be delivered to the host site. No sidewalk deliveries. The mover/delivery service must provide a Certificate of Insurance to the loading dock manager in order to enter the building to deliver the food. All the same labeling requirements are necessary. Cans may be delivered to the site **ONLY on September 11, 2011 at 8:00am.** Check with the host site as to the type and maximum length truck that can deliver at the loading dock.
- A team member should be present on the site at 8:00am to make sure all cans have been delivered. If anything is missing you have that day only to find it and/or get it delivered.
- Cardboard packing boxes and flats should be recycled or if desired by team, may be saved and stored for Decanstruction at close of exhibition.
- Any additional cans not used to build your structure should also be stored by the team off-site until Decanstruction.

SUBMISSION WITH DEADLINES

A. SIGNAGE & TEXT (See Sample)

- Each entry will have a 30"x42" foam-core board that will sit on a provided easel adjacent to the entry. There is an official graphic standard for the layout that is used without exception. If you have contributors that must have their logos prominently displayed this would require be an additional easel backed foam-core board created and produced by your firm, at your firm's expense.

SIGNAGE & TEXT DEADLINE– Absolutely no later than August 19, 2011.

E-mail as a WORD Document to **Adam Reed** at **areed@fpcarch.com** with "Canstruction Signage & Text Submission" in the subject line.

- **DO NOT format your Word 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, no picture boxes, no graphics, no logos (firm or contributors)**
- **No colors.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT DO YOUR OWN FORMATTING!**

A sample of a text submission and what you can expect the completed board to look like is attached (see following pages 5 & 6).

TEXT FOR FOAMCORE BOARDS.

The information requested should be submitted as a Word file in the following order (**DO NOT** list these category titles in your document, but do follow this order for providing the required information):

- **FIRM NAME-** the way it should **officially** appear in the program. Confirm with a firm Principal.
- **TITLE OF ENTRY.** If any word in your title is to be italicized do so.
- **DESCRIPTION** of the structure. Keep to one paragraph. This is what is provided to the jurors and public as they view each entry. The descriptions are most helpful in drawing the jurors' and publics' eye to the rich detail in each design, any play on words, double entendres with the 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 time describing the choices you made in cans and labels to articulate your theme. **Spell check your paragraph.**
- **5-PERSON TEAM NAMES -- CAPTAIN FIRST (no exceptions, no co-captains)** followed by the rest of the team in **alphabetical** order – **get names spelled correctly** – you must designate **ONE** team captain.
- **NUMBER OF CANS USED IN STRUCTURE** – do not list types of cans, just total count.
- **THANK YOU'S for any sponsors and/or other firm members who participated.** (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 own expense. It should be a foam-core board, self-standing easel back to sit on the floor.

SAMPLE TEXT SUBMISSION

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles “Hunger in a Half-Shell”

Help Michelangelo and his fellow brothers fight the battle against hunger! When they are not fighting against the evil Shredder and his foot soldiers, the Turtles’ turn to making sure the city’s citizens get their proper nutrition. Sure, pizza may be their favorite meal but they know how important it is to add nutritional value to their diet. With canned goods that include tuna and a variety of veggies, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles can build a strong foundation to fight the battle against “Hunger.” Please help them in their quest to help humanity and make this world a better place! Kowabunga!

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BUILD-OUT

- Build-out begins at **8:00 am** on **Sunday September 11, 2011**– PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME. Contributors to Canstruction may drop by to say hello, hand out gifts, products, etc. Please be courteous, cheerful and happy to meet them. Without their financial and in-kind donations we would be unable to produce Canstruction. Same goes for media personnel and the public.
- Try to do as much prefabrication of foam core cutting or other special materials you require prior to the morning of the build out.
- If you have a chance to practice building in your office take that opportunity to lessen surprises at the site.
- Bring plenty of extra supplies (tape, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) – over estimate.
- Bring a ladder if you are building tall.
- Boxes may optionally be saved off site for repackaging at the end of the event. If you do not wish to save them, please RECYCLE your cardboard packing boxes. The mall has a centrally located cardboard compactor where you can bring them otherwise you are responsible for bringing all of them home with you. Do NOT leave any unused "extra" cans, garage or packaging materials in/around your structure or build area.
- When your canstruction is completely finished send a representative to the onsite Canstruction committee member designated to your build site area to sign out. There may be a journalist and/or photographer on site to document your final canstruction. We would like to get a combination of photos from canconstructing, carefully composed finished structure photos, and possibly team interviews. Do not leave before official photographs are taken of your structure and stanchions are set up around it.
- Call to make sure your structure is standing the next morning. Anticipate the host or event chair may call you if structure looks like it is structurally unsound, sagging, slipping, etc. Be prepared to go over and fix immediately. If rebuilding is impossible box up cans.

JUDGING

Make sure all team members know the following:

- Judging is done anonymously.
- Judging will commence at **4:00 pm** on **Monday September 12, 2011**. Be prepared to go to the site and rebuild anything before that date and time that may have fallen.
- Team members cannot be on location at the time of judging.
- Hosts should maintain a respectful distance while the jury views and discusses the structure. In other words, no eavesdropping.
- No signage displayed until the jury has left.

THE CAN OPENER (EXHIBIT OPENING & AWARDS NIGHT)

- **Monday September 12th at 6:00 pm.**
- Presentation begins 6:30 pm.
- Business dress, no casual attire.
- Name Tags will be provided at the Can Opener.
- Please plan to stay after the awards are given. In addition, please introduce yourselves to any event contributors, judges or local dignitaries who are present and thank them for their support of Canstruction and involvement in the event.
- It is requested that you have some team members stationed at your structure after the awards presentation to welcome everyone and answer questions regarding the design and construction methodologies used.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

- Professional photographs will be taken of each entry on the build day before stanchions are set up.
- Winning teams will have their photos taken at the awards presentation.
- After all of the winners are announced the winning teams are asked to go to their structures and wait for the photographer/videographer. This will take some time. If you do not wish to wait at your structure for a team photo please let us know in advance.
- Take your own digital photographs with highest resolution – Remove all signage and stanchions prior to photographing. Many times these personal digital shots are excellent and can be used for the international competition and the media.
- We encourage teams to use photography/videography to document the planning process, build day and their completed structure. We would appreciate any photos/video submissions that teams choose to provide thereby granting Canstruction San Antonio, local news media and/or the central Canstruction organization unrestricted permission for use of those materials.

DECANSTRUCTION

- Take down begins at **8:00am** on **Sunday September 25, 2011**– PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME.
- Each entry must be taken down, packed in the Food Bank's barrels and moved to the designated mall loading dock. Teams are responsible for making sure ALL of their canned goods are brought to the loading dock. Do not rely on the Food Bank volunteers as they are only there to help not relive you of this duty. You should arrive on time at 8:00am so that your entry is completely moved to the mall's loading dock by **11:00 am**. Please bring your own dollies and carts to make it easier for your team to move your cans to the loading dock.
- Each team is responsible for leaving their build site "broom-clean." Each team is required to clean up their site of any and all trash including plywood partitions and other building props. All cardboard should be recycled and may be brought to the mall's cardboard compacter location. Please take any items that cannot be disposed of or recycled on site home with you.
- Your team captain must check out with the designated member of the Canstruction Committee before you leave the site. They will conduct a visual inspection and verify that you have satisfied all of the above Decanstruction duties.