2021 State of Indiana CANSTRUCTION CONPETITION

WHAT IS CANSTRUCTION?

Canstruction is a canned food drive and design competition in one! Agencies will build a structure of their choice entirely of donated canned food. At the end of the competition, the structures will be dismantled and all food will be donated to a local food bank or charity chosen by the participating agency team. Agency teams will compete for two awards: **Most Cans Donated** & **Best Structure**.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

The canstruction competition is a perfect opportunity to assist a local food bank or charity and have tons of fun!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All state agencies are invited to participate. There is no limit to how many teams per agency.







WHEN IS THE COMPETITION?

- Jan. 15 | Deadline to register your team
- Jan. 18 29 | Teams collect cans and build canstruction
- Jan. 29 | Deadline to submit photos of canstruction and canned food delivered to team's charity of choice
- Feb. 3 | Winners announced

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Register your team at: <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/StateOfIndiana</u> <u>Canstruction CompetitionTeamRegistration</u>

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2021 State of Indiana Canstruction Competition FAQ & Participant Need-to-Know

What is the State of Indiana Canstruction Competition?

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When will the canned food drive and canstruction competition take place?

The event will take place between Monday, Jan. 18 and Friday, Jan. 29.

Key Dates

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Registration opens.

Participating agency canstruction teams can register by completing a brief survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/StateOfIndianaCanstructionCompetitionTeamRegistration

- TIP: Before completing the registration survey, teams should identify their team captain, a team name, and where the canned food will be donated at the end of the competition.
- There is no limit to the number of teams per agency.
- The deadline to register your team is Friday, January 15.
- The competition is open to any branch of state government.

Monday, Jan. 18: Teams may begin collecting and building their canstruction.

Friday, Jan. 29: Agency teams must submit their final canned food count and one or more pictures of their completed structure to <u>spdcommunications@spd.in.gov</u> no later than noon ET.

• All agency teams' final canned food count will be added together to determine the agency awarded Most Cans Donated.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: A panel of judges will review the submitted pictures of the structures and determine which team will be awarded Best Structure.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Winners of Best Structure and Most Cans Donated will be announced via statewide email on this morning. Team captains should coordinate with their pre-determined charity to ensure delivery of the collected food by this date.



Who is participating on the panel of judges?

Four judges will participate on the State of Indiana Canstruction Competition Panel: Governor Holcomb, Cindy Hoye (Executive Director, Indiana State Fair), Matt Brown (Director, Indiana State Personnel Department), and a special guest judge from a local food pantry.

How do I register my team?

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What are the competition rules?

- Structures must be made from unopened canned food with labels still intact.
- Structures must be completely self-supporting.
- Canned food can be joined using any of the following methods: clear packaging tape, double sided tape, Velcro, fishing line, wire, rubber bands, zip ties, etc. No gluing, duct tape, welding or other permanent affixing of cans are allowed.
- Materials up to one quarter inch in thickness can be used to level canstructions but not to provideloadbearing support.
 - Below are suggestions ranging from lightest to toughest: cardboard > foam-core > Masonite > MDF > plywood > Plexiglas
- Methods and materials must provide easy, safe deconstruction without damaging the labels and cans.
- No alcohol, glass containers, pet food, expired or open packages of food are allowed in the structure.

Can canstruction occur while at work?

Canstruction should not be completed while on state time; however, it can be completed while on breaks or using discretionary time outside of normal work hours.

Where should canstruction structures be designed?

Structures should be designed in a location where they will not disrupt operations, block walkways, or create any safety issue for others.

Can other food be collected during the State of Indiana Canstruction Competition?

Of course! The primary purpose of this event is to assist with community food needs across the state. If the organization you are partnering with needs help beyond donating canned food, please feel free to collect these items as well. Although both awards (Most Cans Donated and Best Structure) will be based on canned foods, teams are strongly encouraged to utilize this time to collect additional items their designated charity needs most.

Have a question not included in this document?

No problem! Send any additional questions to spdcommunications@spd.in.gov.

