

Grayson College Canstruction Rules and Regulations for Teams

Grayson College Canstruction is a competition amongst members of the GC campus community as a means of collecting nonperishable food items for donation to a local food bank and to stock our campus food pantry. Faculty, staff, administrators, and students (including student organizations) are encouraged to form teams and participate in our Canstruction competition. Teams will use nonperishable items to build a structure, which will be judged against all entries. The teams designated as 1st and 2nd place will win the prizes specified below.

There is no limit to team size; however, prizes will be awarded on a team basis. It will be up to the team to determine how to share/allocate the prize.

Teams are responsible for collecting nonperishable items for the purposes of building their structure. Though it is called "Canstruction," any nonperishable items are permitted. Some things to keep in mind:

- Food cans of all sizes may be used. If using plastic containers, make sure they can take the weight of cans from above.
- No glass containers are permitted.
- No pet food or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- Please avoid soda and junk food. Because the items used will be donated to a food bank, the focus should be on food with high nutritional value.
- All food items must be unopened. Labels must remain intact and legible.
- Use of boxed and bagged food items is permitted, but care should be taken in the building of the structure that the items are not crushed, torn, or damaged in any way.
- No expired food items should be used.

In building your structure, please remember these guidelines:

- The maximum size for a structure is 10 ft long x 10 ft wide x 10 ft high. Structures must fit entirely within these dimensions.
- Props are **strongly** discouraged. Judges prefer pure food structures. Try to solve all design problems with nonperishable food items.
- Structures **must** be self-supporting. No boards, tubing, sheet metal, etc. **Permissible: one-quarter inch thick** foam-core, cardboard, plywood, Plexiglas, threaded rod – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials, but not as load bearing.
- Velcro, clear and double-sided tape may be used.
- High-tension rubber bands, nylon string, wire, and tie-backs are permissible.
- No permanent adhesives may be used.
- Teams are responsible for leaving their site "broom-clean."

The collection of nonperishable items may begin now. Teams will need to find a place to store their collected items as the build space will not be designated until November. **Teams will need to register to participate in the event by emailing ptk@grayson.edu. Teams must be registered by October 1.**

Teams may begin building their structures in their assigned areas on Wednesday, November 9 at 8:00 AM. Structures must be completed by Wednesday, November 16 at 5:00 PM. Teams will be permitted to build their structures during normal hours of operation.

Judging will take place on Thursday, November 17. The first place team will win \$200 and the second place team will win \$100. The prizes will be awarded per team, not per individual on the team. NOTE: If the winning teams are from GC clubs/organizations then those clubs/organizations have the option of having the prize money

Please feel free to take pictures during the collection, building, and display phases of our Canstruction event. We ask that pictures shared on social media utilize this hashtag: #gccanstruction2016.

Note: All nonperishable food items used in Canstruction will be donated to an area food bank (that Grayson College has identified) and the campus food pantry.

Here are some pictures of Canstruction entries in other competitions:



Be creative in your collection of nonperishable items. Stores may donate items. Ask family and friends. Maybe teachers will ask their classes to help collect items. The sky is the limit! And remember that we are doing this to help students on our campus, as well as those in our community. Texas has the third highest food insecurity rate in the nation. This is a great opportunity to help others and have a little fun while doing so.

If you have any questions, please email Professor Mary Linder at ptk@grayson.edu or call 903.463.8616.