

YVC of Reading & Performance Toyota

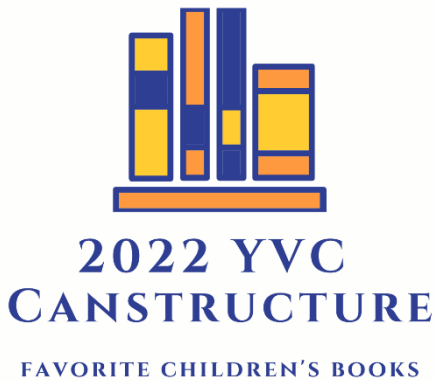
Present the 5th Annual Canstructure Contest

Youth Structure Building Competition
to Fight Hunger

March 24 – March 27, 2022

Theme: Favorite Children's Books

A community service project that's fun, competitive and educational!



Team Leaders – What to Expect

Thank you for your interest in leading a team for Canstructure! Teachers, church leaders, and parents have all been Team Leaders in prior years. Here are some questions & answers you may have, plus additional helpful information.

Q: How often should we meet? **A:** Groups can meet as often as twice a week before their build, or only a handful of times, it's up to you!

Q: I don't know anything about building, can I do this? **A:** Yes, you can! Similar to last year, Youth Volunteer Corps of Reading is partnering with Penn State Berks engineering students in a virtual way to provide STEM education and support for your team. These college students are creating "building-support" videos that will be available for viewing on the Canstructure website beginning in January. Penn State students and an engineering professor will also be available to answer questions during specified "office hours" held via zoom.

Q: The children I work with need volunteer hours, are they available? **A:** Yes, YVC provides volunteer opportunities and tracks service hours for children ages 11 to 18. In order to have hours count as a service project, students must have their parent or guardian fill out our waiver (available on the website at www.voiceupberks.org/canstructure) and as Team Leader you must track their attendance and the hours you meet for this project. The waivers and attendance should be turned in to YVC staff with submission of the build video March 24 - March 27, 2022. Students who meet for at least 10 hours can receive a YVC t-shirt. All students who participate in Canstructure will receive a draw-string backpack.

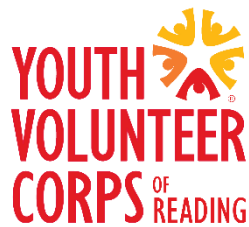
Q: Where should we build our structure? **A:** Anywhere! Because of COVID-19, we are allowing teams to choose a location that works best for you. This could be at a school, a local business, a church, a gym, or even a team member's garage. We will be securing a few locations for groups that don't have a build site and setting up specific dates and times for builds at those locations. (Please email us for information on build locations that are available.)

Q: Are adults allowed in the build area? **A:** Adults are only allowed in the build area with teams in the elementary/novice division. Intermediate and above are expected to complete the build without any adult assistance other than verbal encouragement.

Q: How will I collect enough cans? **A:** There are many ways to collect cans! Examples include holding a food drive through the children's school. Also consider setting up a table outside a local grocery store and asking for donations (please speak to store manager first). Tell them you are collecting cans for the Canstructure Contest and all cans will be given to Helping Harvest Food Bank.

Q: What else should I know? **A:** YVC of Reading needs your help with de-canstructure – taking all these cans to Helping Harvest Food Bank after the build competition. Teams will be responsible for transporting their cans to Helping Harvest Food Bank. Time spent on de-canstructure and taking cans to the food bank also count as volunteer hours for YVC.

Q: How are the divisions decided? **A:** Depending on the grades and experience of the group, your team will be entered into the Elementary/Novice, Intermediate, or Expert divisions.



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