



**WORLD FOOD DAY
4-H/Youth Activities
Sunday, October 18, 2026**

Kids CANstruct Contest

A great Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Agriculture and Math (STEAM) activity incorporating creativity, critical thinking, problem solving & teamwork open to all schools, clubs, churches, youth educational organizations, home & afterschool programs.

WHO: Teams of five (5) youth + one (1) adult coach; best suited from grades 4-10

WHAT: A great STEAM activity incorporating creativity, critical thinking, problem solving & teamwork! Take part in “Kids CAN Make a Difference” Food Drive Collect a lot of food! The more you collect, the more ‘CANstruction material’ you will have to create an AMAZING food structure. Design and build a “food” structure using the foods collected.

EXPLORE: Visit www.canstruction.org for great ideas!

Connect invite an engineer, builder, science teacher or other creative person to give you ideas about how you can build your structure!

Design your own food structure

Experiment see what works, what looks cool, what is sturdy, use labels for color patterns

Practice practice as a team with the food items you collect

WHEN: World Food Day, October 18, 2026, 2:00 p.m., UVI Albert A. Sheen Campus

****Photos will be taken****

HOW: Email completed registration form to saudi.jones@uvi.edu

Registration deadline: September 23, 2026

WHY: It's FUN!!! Teams will:

- build teamwork and cooperation skills
- learn about engineering & design principles
- explore their creativity
- employ critical thinking & problem solving
- help their community

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Rules and Regulations

1. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 23, 2026
2. TEAMS - five (5) youth + one (1) adult/coach
3. COACH – teacher, volunteer leader or parent responsible for team registration and being on hand during the entire contest; **does not** participate in the build
4. BUILD SITE: UVI Research & Extension Center – Parking Lot
5. TEAMS REPORT: 2:00 p.m.; registration
6. CONTEST STARTS: 2:30 p.m.
7. BUILD SEQUENCE: 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.; assess, sort and organize, strategize and plan build
2:45 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.; construction time; judging on-going
3:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; construction stops; team presentations, judging on-going
4:05 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.; demolition, packing and loading for charities
4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; AWARDS
8. PRESENTATIONS: Teams are expected to prepare a short message (2-3 minutes) to include the following:
 - Interpretive description of their structure
 - How they arrived at the design
 - Special message from the heart to the charitable organizations.
9. BREAKDOWN: Demolition, packing and loading are **a part of the judging process**
10. JUDGING: A team of judges will evaluate teams on the following criteria for a **total of 25 points**:

CRITERIA	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Teamwork	5	Did the team work well together? Was everyone involved? Organized? Good communication? Knowledgeable about their mission?
Structural Integrity	5	Was the design well thought out? Did it reflect sound design practices? Was it strong and sturdy? Did team use critical thinking, problem solving strategies to address issues before and during the build?
Creativity	5	Did the team come up with a unique structure? How did the team decide what to build? Did they use different shaped cans or packages, different color labels to add character to their build? Did they conduct research to inform design?
Presentation and Customer Service	5	Was the team's presentation well thought out and meaningful? Did the team display a 'can do' attitude in the breakdown process? Was their build site clean and free of debris and food items?
Public Speaking & Communication Skills	5	Did the team thoughtfully prepare their presentation? Were they able to use more than one team member to deliver their presentation? Did they take the time to research their charity and speak to its needs and purpose as part of their presentation?

11. AWARDS: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams will be announced at Awards Program.



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REGISTRATION FORM

We are committed to BUILDING a greater understanding of hunger in our world!

SCHOOL/GROUP/CLUB:

Teacher/Facilitator/Mentor:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Youth Team Members:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Adult/Coach:

6.

Complete and return attached registration form via email by **September 23, 2026** to:

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