



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 17th
2016**

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for SponCon 2016 remains open until all 25 spaces are filled.

To check availability and ask questions call: 406-541-8301

For more info visit: www.homesresource.org/sponcon

Contact name:	Team name:	
Street address:	Contact Phone:	
City, State, Zip	Contact Email:	
Team Category (circle one):	Professional (15 teams max)	General (10 teams max)
Names of all team members:	Age (if under 18)	T-Shirt Size
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
I have read and promise to abide by the logistics and rules of Spontaneous Construction:	Initials of <u>all</u> teammates: _____	
PAYMENT:		
Professional team participants: Includes - 18x12 ft work space & power	\$50 per team of up to 2 people \$60 day-of registration \$10 each additional team member Maximum 5 people per team	
General team participants: Includes - 9x12 ft work space	\$25 per team of up to 2 people \$35 day-of registration \$10 each additional team member Maximum 5 people per team	
Enclosed is a registration check for:	\$ _____	
Participants in each category receive a commemorative SponCon t-shirt and one free drink ticket. Plus, every team gets a prize!		

Please print and return with payment to:

Home ReSource, 1515 Wyoming Street, Missoula MT 59801 or email to sponcon@homesresource.org



Our Goals for the day are to:

1. Transform materials that might otherwise go to the landfill into unique and inspiring creations.
2. Have lots of fun being creative and spontaneous together while building a culture of reuse.
3. Work safely and cooperatively.
4. Create functional and beautiful items that will have broad appeal in the Missoula community and our Benefit Auction.
5. Raise awareness about waste reduction.

The Logistics:

1. **You can enter as an individual or as a team.** Teams are limited to 5 people.
2. **Kids and teens are encouraged to participate.** However, teams with kids under 12 must have at least 2 adults per team. Teen teams ages 12-18 must have at least one adult supervisor per team.
3. **There is a Mandatory Orientation!** Your team must send AT LEAST ONE team member to the orientation session, which will take place on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. All teams MUST comply, even if you've done SponCon before! You will learn about construction guidelines, what materials are available, get good advice from experienced participants, sneak preview materials and more. Out-of-Missoula teams can arrange to call in.
4. **The contest begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. sharp!** Judging will conclude at 5 p.m. and the silent auction will begin.
5. **Team check-in begins at 8 a.m.** All team members must sign in and complete paperwork before starting.
6. **All contestants MUST sign a waiver!** Please be careful! Be aware of those around you! Work cautiously and safely!
7. **The Home ReSource store will be open for business during the contest.** All contestants must wear wristbands so that store employees & customers know they are allowed to take materials for their projects. Contestants must respect the operations of the store and not depend on any help from working employees, must not take materials that are marked "off limits," and must not go in areas marked "off limits."
8. **Home ReSource will provide materials** (See list below.) "Off limits" items will be clearly marked throughout the store; everything else is fair game. Contestants are allowed to bring some of their own raw materials, pre-assembling pieces and parts is not allowed. You must start with raw materials at 9 a.m.
9. **Home ReSource staff and volunteers are available to answer your questions and enforce safety regulations, but they are not there to help you search for materials or solve construction problems.** Finding your own solutions is an important aspect of the contest!
10. **Worksite size.** Entrants in the General contestant category will be provided a 9'x12' area of the parking lot in which to work; Entrants in the Professional category will be provided an 18'x12' space.
11. **Power.** Entrants to the Professional category can have power supplied to their worksite, but those with generators are encouraged to bring them. We ask that you let us know what you need and what you can provide in advance. Due to safety concerns and electrical circuit limitations, General contest worksites will not have access to power. An electrical station will be available for plugging in your power tools, charging batteries, and testing any electrical elements of your construction project.
12. **Cut and weld stations.** Saw and metal working stations will be available for contestants. These are available for all contestants so please be considerate of others as you use these services.

The Rules:

1. **All contestants must provide all their own tools (hand and powered).** See "Tool Recommendations" below.
2. **All team members MUST WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT.** Required safety and personal protective equipment (PPE) includes:
 - Close-toed shoes (must be worn at all times during the competition)
 - Safety glasses (must be worn at all times during the competition, ANSI-approved lenses)
 - Ear protection (must be worn when operating power tools or near power tools in operation)
3. **FOLLOW SAFETY PROTOCOL for the TOOLS you are using.** Make sure all guards are in place, electrical cords are in good condition, use push sticks on table saws etc. Have situational awareness! Don't smack you neighbor with a 2x4.
4. **Safety personnel will enforce safety rules.** Safety personnel will be on the lookout for violations including:
 - Misuse of or not wearing PPE (safety glasses etc.)
 - Blatant disregard for safety of yourself or others
 - Improper use of tools, equipment or unsafe use of materials.
5. **Safety violations will be penalized.** If you or a member of your team violate a safety rule, you will be issued a YELLOW CARD and be required to take a "time out." The length of the "time out" is: ten (10) minutes for the first violation, twenty (20) minutes for the second violation, and thirty (30) minutes for the third violation. If one person from your team is in violation of the rules your ENTIRE team must stop all operations and can only resume normal operations after the "time out."
6. **NO CHAINSAWS!** No exceptions.
7. **DON'T BUILD WEAPONS!** You're probably not going to go hunting with it, so build something useful. (One year a dog almost got squashed by a bowling ball hurled from a trebuchet). Seriously, no weapons!
8. **TWO PEOPLE must be able TO CARRY your creative reinvention 100 YARDS or your construction will be disqualified!! Your finished item must be solidly constructed.** Dangerously flimsy pieces may not be eligible for prizes.
9. **At 4 p.m., your area must be cleaned of all scraps and unused materials,** leaving your masterpiece standing proud and shiny in the middle of your space. You will have a form to complete including title of your creation, type of team, number of participants, and whether you would like your piece to be included in the auction.

10. We do not require it, but we strongly encourage you to **HAVE FUN**.

General Recommendations:

1. **Contestants are encouraged to bring their own supplies of fasteners, adhesives, etc.** You can use Home ReSource nails, wire, bolts and other fasteners available in the store on the day of the event, but it may not be what you need. It may be helpful to think about what you'd like to build and plan your fasteners accordingly.
2. **Professional Teams are requested to bring extension cords, the heavier gauge the better, and power boxes (like heavy duty power strips) if possible.** This will make it easier for everyone to get the power they need.
3. **Plan to finish building by 3 p.m.** That way you can spend the last hour tightening up, applying finishing touches, and allowing paint to dry. As you get closer to 3 p.m., if you're way behind, narrow your focus, scale down your vision.
4. **Painting/staining is very cautiously encouraged.** If you paint or stain your creation, it **MUST** be dry by 4 p.m. for the contest judging. Spray paint is discouraged due to toxicity, wind, and resulting potential nastiness. Natural oil or wax finishes are encouraged but are in limited supply at the store.

Tool Recommendations:

If you are able, it is highly recommended that you bring the following items for yourself:

- Work gloves
- Tin snips
- Tape measures
- Battery-powered drill and/or screw gun, plus pre-charged backup batteries
- Hammers
- Drill bits in a wide range of sizes
- Handsaws
- A variety of pliers, vice grips, and wrenches
- Carpenter's squares
- Wire cutters
- Metal cutting hacksaws
- Sandpaper, glues, oils, wax, specialized fasteners, and other such consumable products

Note: If you don't have all the tools you need, you may be able to check them out from the Tool Library at *Missoula Urban Demonstration Project*. For more info call 721-7513 or 549-6790. Also check www.mudproject.org for a list of tools.

Home ReSource materials available free for all contestants:

- Miscellaneous, wacky, and weird lumber, trim, etc.
- Funky light fixtures, globes and parts.
- Ceiling fans
- Used and surplus tile
- Plumbing supplies
- Duct fittings
- Sinks, toilets, perhaps even a bathtub or two – (but remember the weight/size rule!)
- Electrical wire of various sizes, junction boxes, etc.
- Single-pane windows, screens, and frames.
- Cabinet doors, drawers, shelves, etc. Maybe a lazy Susan or two. Think of the fun!
- Random metal pipe, conduit, etc.
- Hollow core doors (what lovely canvasses they make!)
- PVC pipes and fittings
- Fireplace hardware (but no fires, please!)
- A smorgasbord of hardware, including hinges, nails, screws, doorknobs, etc.

Home ReSource materials not available for free (you must get approval from the event coordinators to use these or buy them yourself):

- Beautiful antique lumber – there may be some short, split, random pieces available for free, but not much
- Vintage light fixtures and other antique items of value
- Wood panel doors
- Beams and large dimensional lumber
- Any other items clearly marked as off limits!

Judging the contest:

- **Every team gets a prize.** At 4 p.m., the contest judges will review your work and at 5 p.m. announce prizes for things like creativity, quality of construction, usefulness, beauty, best work by kids, etc.
- **Judges will announce teams with the top creations.** Five to ten teams will be selected as Grand Prize contenders and invited to donate their creations to the annual Home ReSource Banquet and Benefit Auction where the Grand Prize winner will be announced.
- **You can take home your creation.** Doing so, however, will disqualify you from becoming a Grand Prize contender.

On-the-Spot Auction and Awards:

- At 5 p.m., the award ceremony will commence. Prizes shall be awarded to all teams and grand prize contenders will be announced.
- Pieces that are not designated as Grand Prize contenders or "Take Home" will be auctioned off in a silent auction directly after the award ceremony.
- The creations of the Grand Prize contenders (as few as five or as many as a dozen) will be reserved for the Benefit Auction on October 15th at The Wilma. Grand Prize contenders are encouraged to attend the Benefit Auction to bask in the glory and to possibly receive additional awards and prizes.
- Teams choosing the "Take Home" option are encouraged to display their creation during the judging and awards period, but the item **MUST** be removed by 8 p.m.!

Questions? Call 541-8301