



Space Coast Florida Chapter, NAWIC

2017 Block Kids Building Contest – Request Form Construction Exhibitors / Sponsors / Judges

The Construction Industry faces a workforce shortage that poses a serious problem for our national economy. In order to meet the demand for construction, the industry needs to attract, educate, and train about 240,000 newcomers annually. The Block Kids Program is a national building competition sponsored on the local level by the Space Coast Florida Chapter, NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction). The program introduces children (Grades K thru 6) to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of, and to promote an interest in, future careers in one of the many facets of the industry. The contest is the 45 minute construction of a "project" relevant to the construction industry made from plastic building blocks, a rock, a string, and a piece of aluminum foil. Each child's project is judged by construction professionals and other business people from our community utilizing predetermined criteria, and prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade, and overall contest winner. Every child that participates receives a plastic "hard hat", name badge, photo, certificate of participation, snacks and refreshments, and a \$5 gift card.



To educate, entertain, and keep the children busy when their projects are being judged, we plan to have **hands-on construction / equipment exhibits**. This is one of the highlights of the event. The kids (and their parents) love it! We are thinking big—really big! Cranes, mini-excavators, augers, forklifts, water trucks, paint spray equipment, drywall stilts, bucket truck, ready-mix truck—you name it. Exhibits are even more interesting when a person familiar with it is operating it, talking to the kids, answering questions, etc. We would like to show kids all this really cool stuff they would get to work with every day when they choose a career in construction.

Will you and your firm show and demonstrate a piece of construction equipment? Equipment must be rubber tired (no track equipment unless it stays on a trailer) to avoid damage to the School's parking lot. _____ YES, COUNT ME IN DESCRIBE _____

Will you and your firm provide financial assistance to help pay for cash prizes, gift cards for the children, and buy more plastic building blocks and hard hats? _____ YES, COUNT ME IN – ENCLOSED IS \$ _____
Make checks payable to NAWIC #355. Please include a copy of the form with your check.

Will you be a judge the day of the event? _____ YES, COUNT ME IN – GRADE PREFERENCE _____

Date: Saturday, 28 January 2017 (9:00 am to 12:00 noon) – Equipment needs to be in place by 8:30 am

Location: Hans Chistian Anderson Elementary School, 3011 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955

For Information: Lillian Leatherman, Co-Chair
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I will provide _____

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