



Rules and Guidelines: 50 Years Build-Off At Manatee Village Historical Park

Manatee Village Historical Park is excited to host a build contest in celebration of our 50th anniversary! We are so excited that you are interested in celebrating with us by creating a design inspired by one of the historic buildings on our site. Please review the rules and guidelines before making your build to ensure you will be permitted to compete.

Of course, the best way to get inspiration from our buildings is by visiting us at 1404 Manatee Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34208, but you can also visit our website for some photos and history of our buildings: [Museum | Manatee Village Historical Park | United States](#)

After reviewing the rules and guidelines, if you have questions, please direct them to Brianna.wilson@manateeclerk.com.

Important Dates:

Registration Opens: April 6

Registration Closes: July 1, 2026.

Entry Form Due: July 1, 2026

Build Drop Off: Friday, July 10, 2026 (9 am - 4pm) or Saturday, July 11, 2026 (8 am - 10 am)

Build Pick Up: July 11, 2026 by 2 pm

Late submissions will not be entered into the contest.

Build Details:

Take inspiration from one of the historic buildings on our site to craft a 3-D model using a medium of your choice. Options include, but are not limited to:

- Popsicle sticks
- Cotton swabs
- Cardboard
- Wood
- Legos/ building blocks
- K'NEX

Please Note:

- You can use a combination of materials to make your design.
- 3-D printed materials are allowed, but your entire design cannot be 3-D printed.
- Builds must be on a solid base no larger than 24" x 24".

Age Categories:

- Elementary
- Middle
- High School
- Adult (18+)

Please Note: *If you are working in a group that has mixed age categories, please enter your project into the category of the oldest contestant in the group. school category)*

Reasonable help from a parent/guardian/adult does not count as being a participant in the contest. If you are unsure what category your build should be entered in, please contact Brianna.wilson@manateeclerk for clarification.

The best build for each category will be voted on by the public during our '50 Years at the Village" celebration on July 11, 2026.

Rules/Guidelines:

Participants must agree to these rules on the registration form- failure to agree and abide by rules will result in disqualification

1. All creations must be built ahead of time with your own materials and supplies. Manatee Village Historical Park does not provide the supplies, and building does not take place on site.
2. Entries must be on a solid base for transporting and must not be larger than 24" x 24".
3. All entries must depict or be inspired by structures on site at Manatee Village Historical Park. The use of designs from block kits are not permitted.
4. 3-D printed materials are allowed to be used in the design, but your entire design cannot be 3-D printed.
5. All entries must be built by the participant(s) listed on the registration form.
6. An additional entry form is required before acceptance to compete. You will only receive an entry form once your registration has been received. Your entry form will require descriptions, dimensions, and photos. It is suggested that you submit your entry form after you have completed your build but before the deadline of July 1, 2026.
7. Registration and entry forms must be submitted by July 1, 2026. Participants will be informed of acceptance by July 6, 2026.
8. All builds must be delivered to Manatee Village Historical Park at 1404 Manatee Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34208 during drop off hours (7/10/26 9AM-4PM or 7/11/26 8AM-10M).
9. Contestants must take their entries home at the close of the contest on 7/11/26. Sculptures not taken home become property of Manatee Village Historical Park.

Entries will be judged by the public during our '50 Years at the Village' celebration event. Winners are selected based on total amount of votes casted per build. (Each guest will receive 4 votes-1 per category)