

GUIDELINES FOR BUILDING

📍 Connections Food & Resource Center 122 S. 8th Street, Weatherford
📅 July 17
March 24-26, 2026

The Connections GRAND CAN SCULPTURE CONTEST is an annual hunger relief event bringing together schools, civic organizations, businesses, churches, and groups of friends and families. Each year, this fun and creative competition raises thousands of pounds of food for Connections Food & Resource Center, proudly serving 15 Western Oklahoma communities: **Arapaho, Butler, Clinton, Colony, Corn, Custer City, Elk City, Fay, Geary, Hammond, Hinton, Hydro, Lookeba, Thomas, and Weatherford.**

HOW COMPETITION WORKS:

- **Form a Team:** Schools, clubs, businesses, churches, and community groups form teams of any size.
- **Registration:** Open Now-Deadline to register is March 2nd or until spots are filled. Register online at connectionscenter.org
- **Collect Canned Food (or Funds):** Every can will help feed families across Western Oklahoma. *All food donations are tax-deductible.*
- **Build a CAN Sculpture:** Create a sculpture inspired by a Route 66 icon.
Build March 24th & 25th 9:00 am- 9:00 pm. Hospitality room provided.
- **Compete for Awards:** Points are earned through food collected in pounds, design, theme, and execution.
- **Win the Title:** The team with the highest total points is crowned GRAND CAN Sculpture Competition Awards will be March 26th at 6:00 pm

🗳 VOTING: March 26th, 2026 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

- **\$1 donation = 1 point**
Vote in person while visiting the sculptures at Connections or online via
Cash App • PayPal • Venmo • Square
(Be sure to include the TEAM NAME in the notes)
- **Social Media Boost:**
👉 1 Facebook or Instagram Like = 1 point
👉 Invite coworkers, friends & family to help your sculpture win!

FOOD TRUCKS & DESSERT BAR: 11:00 AM – Sold Out

- Join the block party inside and out! Eat and tour the sculptures and vote.

AWARDS: 6:00 PM

- **People's Choice Award**
(\$1 = 1 point | 1 social media like = 1 point)
- **Most Pounds of Food** (1 lb = 1 point)
- **Best Use of Labels** (judged)
- **Structural Ingenuity** (judged)
- **Best Original Design** (judged)
-  **Grand Can Grand Champion** - *The team with the most points wins!*

SCULPTURE RULES:

- Max size: **8' x 8' x 8'**
- Use unopened, non-perishable food only
- No alcohol, glass, soda, junk food, expired or damaged items, low sodium or natural juices.
- Labels must be fully intact—we cannot use cans without labels
- Fastening allowed: tape, zip ties, string, wire, Velcro, magnets
 No glue or permanent bonding
- Decorations must be easily removable

PRO TIPS

- Start planning early, you'll need more cans than you think. Place an order with the store instead of shopping from their shelves.
- Design first, then host a targeted food drive
- Practice your build—some cans stack better than others
- Partner with another group to share promotion and collections

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