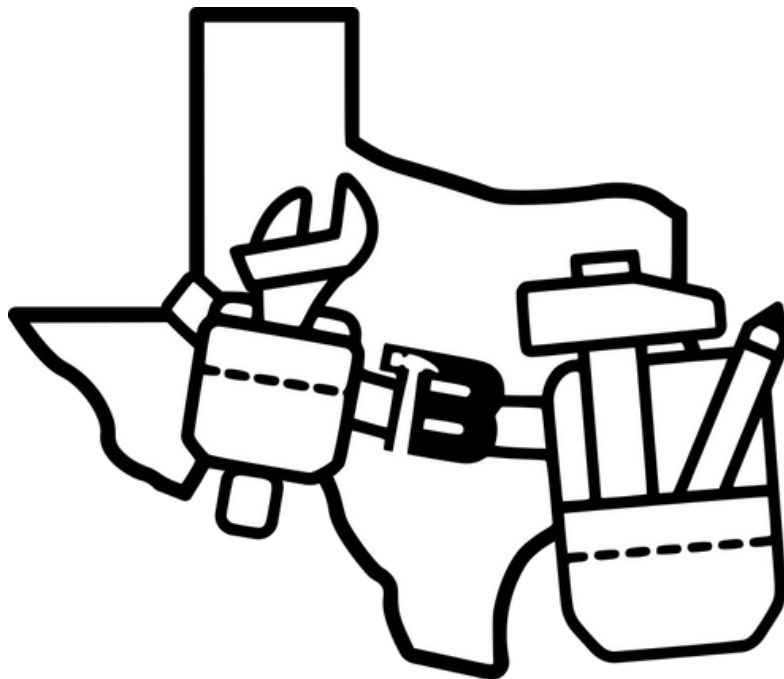


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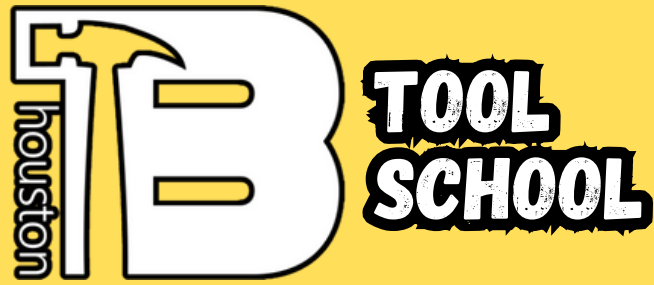
TOOL SCHOOL TRAINING PROGRAM



EQUIPPING OUR COMMUNITY WITH TOOLS FOR CHANGE

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The Big Picture

The Houston ToolBank (HTB) serves community-based organizations by providing tools, equipment, and expertise to empower their most ambitious goals. Our vision is to empower all communities with tools for change. We optimize resources and build capacity for nonprofits with tool and equipment lending; disaster support; and hands-on training.

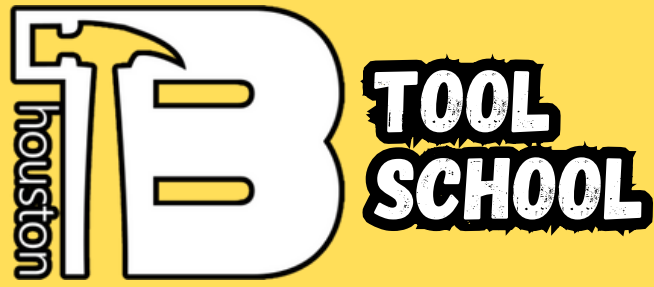


Since 2014, we have partnered with more than 870 nonprofits across Southeast Texas through our core Tool Lending Program. As HTB grows and the needs of our community have evolved, we recognized a unique opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise through the development and launch of our tool training program called **Tool School**.

Tool School equips its participants with the appropriate skills, knowledge, and confidence to safely and properly wield common hand and power tools through small group training sessions in a hands-on learning environment with HTB representatives.



The program is conducted in partnership with schools; education programs; workforce development programs; and more. It offers flexible formats, is available to a broad spectrum of people of varying ages and ability levels, builds trainee confidence and independence, and encourages passion for skills that lend themselves greatly to trade sector employment.



Tool School is for Everyone!

We have an age restriction of at least 13-years old and cap group sizes to ensure safety and ample one-on-one facilitator instruction. We adjust training content and activities to suit the group's capabilities, based on partner advice, and are present during every activity to instruct, assist, and answer questions. Trainees can opt out of any activity if they are uncomfortable, and protective gear is provided to maximize safety. It is our philosophy that as long as you have the means to hold the tool, you can use it safely, and *we are here to help you learn that.*

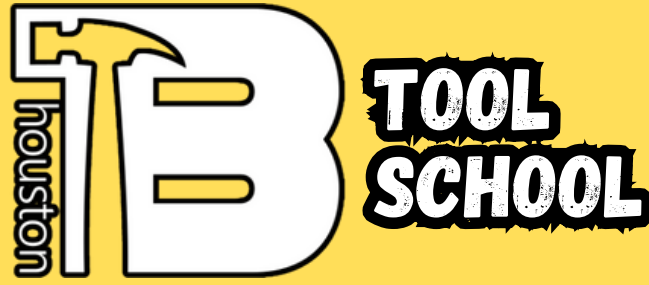


We have worked with...

- Girl scout troops looking to earn their Cadet Woodworking badge
- Workforce development programs for opportunity youth in pre-certification courses
- Service groups providing civilian programming for disabled military veterans
- Schools and day programs for teens and young adults with and without intellectual or developmental disabilities
- *...and more.*



We want to work with anyone who has the drive and the desire to learn and are committed to maximizing what Tool School offers to everyone who participates, *no matter what.*



What to Expect

The Houston ToolBank (HTB)...

- seeks funding to offset expenses and collaborates with partners to meet all fiscal needs;
- provides one trainer for every five trainees in each group; and
- provides all necessary tools, safety gear, equipment, lumber, and materials.

The Partner Organization...

- provides one chaperone at minimum to every ten trainees;
- facilitates trainee and representative transportation in accordance with their policies;
- assists in the completion and submission of participant surveys; and
- ensures all waivers are completed and submitted prior to or at the beginning of the first session in accordance with HTB policies.

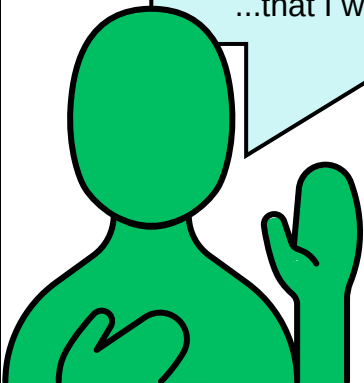
Tool School Trainees...

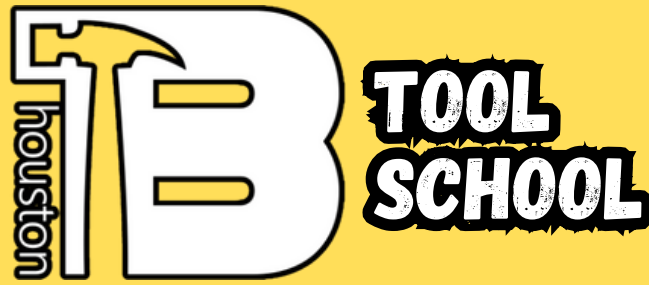
- begin their Tool School experience with a pledge that sets group norms;
- participate in activities as instructed and with guidance from HTB representatives;
- provide honest and transparent feedback about their experience;
- are encouraged to opt out of activities that make them uncomfortable; and
- *have fun and get creative!*

I Promise...

...that I will only use the tools and equipment for their intended purposes,
...that I will treat my body and the body of others present with respect,
...that I will, at all times, keep safety as a top priority,
...that if I see something unsafe, I will say something immediately, and
...that I will not be afraid to ask questions or seek help if I need it.

Please Note: program costs are dependent on format, project(s), number of participants, mileage for HTB representatives (where applicable), and the availability of grant funding. We work diligently to secure support that allows us to continue providing Tool School.





Session Format Options



Skills-based Workshop | Single session, 2 hours

An overview of basic hand and power tools with hands-on use and practice.
Great for individuals interested in volunteering with other nonprofits out in the community!



Project-based Workshop | Single Session, 2-3 hours

A brief overview of the required tools used subsequently for a build project. Individual take-home and collaborative group build donation project options are available.
Great for professionals with busy schedules or friends looking for a fun group activity!



Skills + Project Condensed Workshop | Single Session, 4-6 hours

An overview of common hand and power tools with hands-on use, followed by a build project. Individual take-home and collaborative group build donation project options are available.
Great for scout troops looking to earn badges!



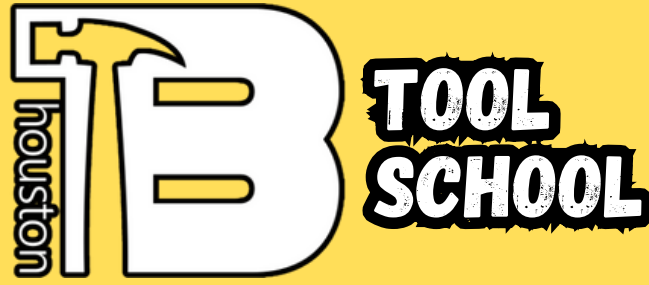
Skills + Project Full Workshop | Multiple Sessions, 3-4 hours each

A deep dive of hand and power tools with hands-on use. Over the course of multiple sessions, trainees participate in activities that inspire confidence and encourage skill development, and each subsequent session builds on the content from the former. Trainees prep and assemble both individual take-home projects and a group project. The group project is the final task, where trainees collaborate to build a larger item that is then donated to community partners, such as a school or community garden.
Great for schools and workforce development programs!

Some of the Tools Covered

Hammer (claw, framing) | Screwdriver (flathead, Phillips) | Socket Set
Jig Saw | Hand Saw | Hack Saw | Table Saw | Miter Saw | Circular Saw
Power Drill | Impact Driver | Speed Square | Tape Measure | Clamp

**** Please note: this list changes based on activities, projects, and training format. ****



Pilot Launch Impact Report

Tool School’s pilot phase was launched Fall of 2023, made possible by the generous support of our funders. From September ‘23 to May ‘24, the Houston ToolBank conducted outreach, built relationships, adjusted course content, and facilitated Tool School in various formats with nine community partners. We are thrilled to share the results of our pilot program.

BY THE NUMBERS

Unduplicated Trainees	104
Training Sessions	19

Demographics*

I/DD or Disabled	18
Veterans	8

Age Ranges*

13-18 Years	20
19-25 Years	14
26-35 Years	5
36-45 Years	14
46-55 Years	10
56-65 Years	4
66 Years +	5

SURVEY RESULTS

Rate your confidence using tools now that Tool School has concluded

Extremely	39%
Very	42%
Somewhat	19%
Not So	0%
Not At All	0%

Rate the instructors’ knowledge of the material

Excellent	77%
Very Good	15%
Good	8%
Fair	0%
Poor	0%

Did you have fun?

Yes	100%
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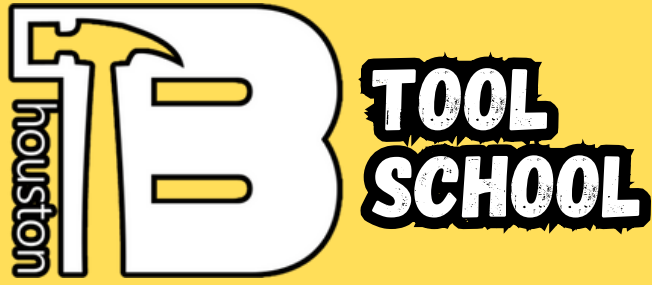
***Please Note:** All demographic information requested is optional, and some trainees have chosen not to disclose.



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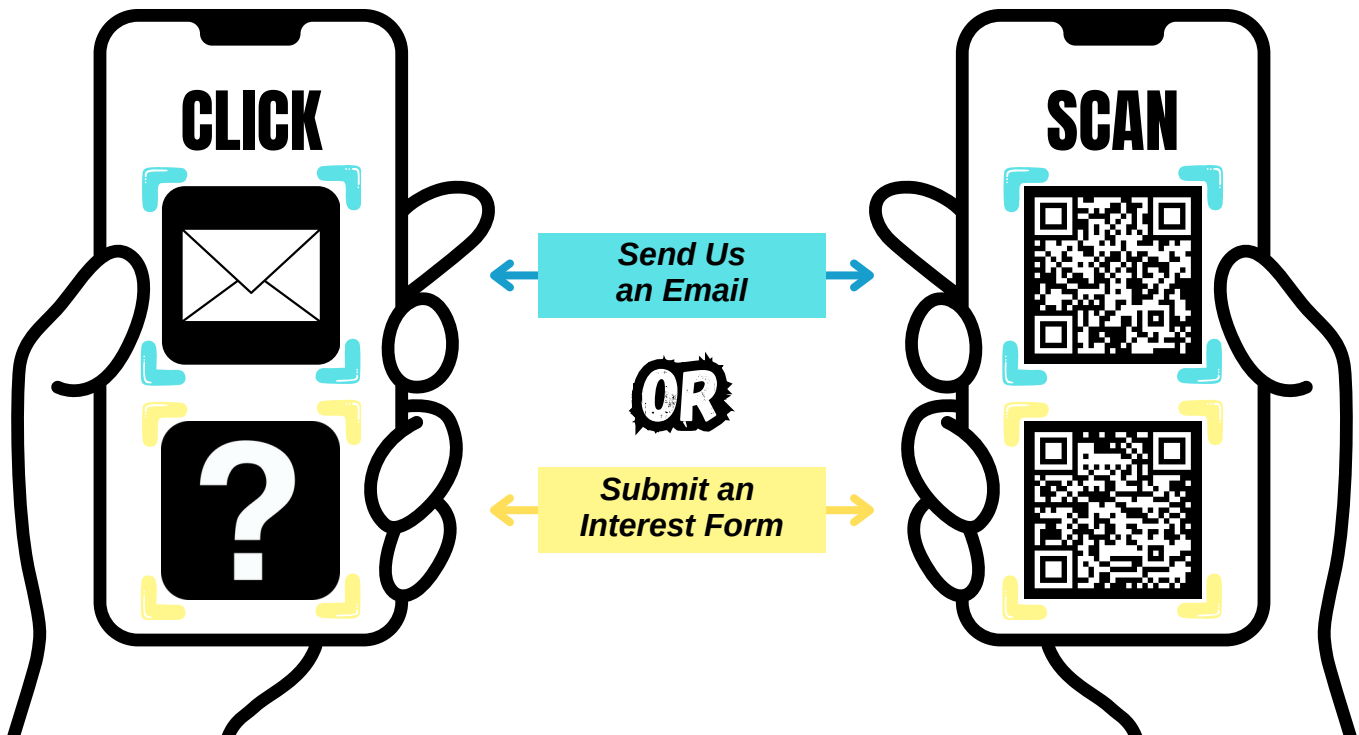


Partner With Us

Got questions? Need more information?
Want to get involved or read some testimonials?

We are always looking for partners, and it doesn't take much to get the ball rolling. Reach out to us, and we'll schedule a meeting.

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