

Home Expo offers a look at local builders' products

Whether you're a doer or a dreamer, this year's Home Expo has something for you.

Sponsored by the Home Builder's Association of the Grand Traverse Area, the 19th Annual Home Expo will be held at East Junior High on Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Home Expo is held each year so that homeowners will have the opportunity to see, first hand, the goods and services offered by the 515 members of the Home Builder's Association, said Chuck Drouillard, president of the HBA board.

"It's probably one of the best places to go and gather information on anything you might need if you're planning on doing anything on a house," said Bill Crandall, chairman of the planning committee.

Over 5,000 people attended last year's event, and the HBA expects even more this year. Crandall says there's a little of something for everyone. Builders, landscapers, painters, remodelers, pool and spa companies, bankers — they'll all be there. And for those who want to look at new cabinets, windows, lighting fixtures, the Home Expo will have them all.

"We take part in the Home Expo to show support to the Home Builder's Association and to expose our business to the public and builders," said Steve Terry, window service manager at Artec Window & Door in Traverse City. "We want to expose them to the service after the sale we offer."

Artec was just one of 120 vendors that presented their services at last year's event.

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because it brings a lot of different builders and homeowners together. It's fun to get to see the other cutting edge products that are being offered," Terry said.

One of the highlights of the Home Expo is the seminars.

"We're firming up who will be presenting this year, but seminars are a good chance for people to learn about things they're interested in," Crandall

said.

"We try to have something that will interest everyone," said Drouillard. "This is a good chance for people to see anything associated with home building or home remodeling in one place."

Concessions will be available in the school cafeteria. Admission costs are \$2/person and \$5/family.

Home Builders Expo concession menu available during Expo hours

Hot dog, sloppy joe or brat plate \$3.25

Soup & sandwich combo \$3.25

Sub sandwich (variety) \$2.50

Salad bowls (variety) \$2.75

Fruit bowls \$2.75

Nachos \$2.50

Hot dog, brat or sloppy joe \$1.75

Bowl of soup \$1.50

Sandwich (variety) \$1.50

Soda, coffee, tea or cocoa. \$1.00

Ice cream or yogurt \$1.00

Cinnamon rolls or turnovers \$1.00
Donuts .75

Chips, candy or fruit by the piece .50
Milk or juice .50

Plate lunches come with choice of potato salad or baked beans; coffee or

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