Keauhou Restoration Application

Mahalo for your interest in Keauhou, Ka‘ū. Please read over the following informational sheet before applying. This information will help your group to best prepare for their potential huaka‘i.

All applications must be submitted at least 45 days before the preferred date of visit.

Requests will be granted based on:
- purpose of request,
- availability of site and staff and
- first come first serve basis. (The earlier the better!)

Site Description
- Keauhou, Ka‘ū is located about 1 hour from Hilo, about 10 minutes past Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park when coming from Hilo.
- Keauhou is a privately owned ili (small land division) in the ahupua‘a (large land division) of Kapāpala, which is owned by Kamehameha Schools
- Work site is fairly remote with no bathroom facilities or covered structures
- Depending on vehicle accommodations, the walking distance to and from the worksites can range from ¼ to 1 mile.
- Weather conditions vary and can change quickly. Be prepared for both hot, sunny conditions and cold, wet conditions.
- The site is located mauka of Halema‘uma‘u and can therefore be affected by heavy vog, depending on wind conditions.
- The terrain at all worksites is uneven lava covered by dense grass mat and can be difficult to walk in.

Activities Offered
- Native forest restoration:
  o Planting
  o Weeding
  o Seed cleaning/ collecting
  o Greenhouse activities (limited to groups of 15 or less)
  o Watershed activities and lessons
- Activities available at time of visit are subject to the time of year, weather, plant and staff availability.
- Visits to Keauhou Bird Conservation Center within Keauhou may also be available but are led by another agency. If you are interested in also visiting KBCC, please indicate so on your application and we can help coordinate that visit.
Time Frame
- Due to the remoteness of Keauhou it is recommended that you make as much time as possible to visit the site.
- Minimum time requirement is 3 hours.
- Example of a typical schedule
  o 8:30 – 9:15 Protocol and Introductions
  o 9:15 – 9:45 travel to site
  o 9:45 – 11:30 Activities
  o 11:30 – 12 Lunch
  o 12-1:30 Activities
  o 1:30 – 2:00 closing/ A hui hou

Pre-Field Trip Requirements
In-class lesson or activities that focus on the cultural and scientific importance of healthy watersheds and native ecosystems are highly recommended. They add so much to your visit! If you need help with this component, please indicate on your application that you are interested in supplemental in-class activities. We are available to help!

Protocol
It is customary to ask permission to enter a new place. You will be expected to request entrance into Keauhou. Please have a culturally appropriate protocol prepared before the arrival date. We encourage you to look within your community for resources in this area. If you do need help with this, please indicate so on your application.

Volunteer Requirements
- Groups that visit Keauhou usually range from 10 – 30 participants, ages 12 and up.
- Groups that have special requirements (i.e. younger students, pre K- 4th, less mobile community members, or large groups, 30 + participants) can be accommodated, but please apply at least 2 months in advance
- Larger groups usually rotate between 2-3 activities. Please allow for time for these rotations.
- We do not like to turn any group away, but know that sometimes the request is beyond our capacity. Mahalo for understanding if we cannot accommodate your request.

WAIVER FORMS
- Upon acceptance of your application, a set of waivers will be sent to you via email. All waivers must be completed turned in prior to or upon arrival of field trip date.
Volunteer Checklist
On the day of the activity each volunteer must come with the following:
- WATER! (2 L highly recommended)
- Covered shoes (water-proof is best. NO CROCS OR SANDALS)
- Long pants
- Warm Layer
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Lunch (if not provided by visiting group)
- Medication (if needed)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses (optional)

To apply
- Please complete Restoration Application (2 pages, see attached forms)

- Applications must be received at least 45 days prior to preferred visit.

- Return completed applications to Emily Leucht
  o By email emily.imipono@gmail.com
  o By mail Emily Leucht
    PO Box 52
    Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, HI 96718

- Request acceptance and activities of visit are based on factors such as staff availability, site availability, purpose of request but ultimately dictated by the needs of Keahuokua.
Group Information

Organization / School Name: ____________________________________________

Description of Organization/ Class:

What is the purpose of your visit?

Contact Name ___________________________ Title/ Position _______________________

Phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________

Has this group visited Keauhou before? No [ ] Yes [ ]

If yes, when and for what purpose? ____________________________________________

Pre Field-trip Lesson Requirements

What type of watershed activities/lessons has this group participated in?

If none, do you need assistance in implementing in-class watershed lessons/activities

No, we will complete them before our visit [ ] Yes [ ]

Protocol

Are you prepared with culturally appropriate entrance protocol?

Yes [ ] No, we would like help with this aspect [ ]
**Volunteer Information**

What dates would you like to volunteer? Preferred Date(s) _______________________ Alternate Date(s) ________________

How many volunteers in your group? (total number) ________________

Please specify the number of volunteers in your group:

K-2 _____  3-5 _____  Middle _____  High _____  Post-High _____  Adult _____

Does your group have special circumstances? (i.e. less mobile volunteers, large number of volunteers, preK - 4th grade, etc)

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes please describe below:

________________________________________________________________________

What time will you arrive? ________________  What time will you leave? ________________

**Activities**

Please check all of the activities you are interested in participating in.
(Please know that the activities are dependent on site and staff availability, weather, group size, and ultimately what is best for the place etc)

- [ ] Planting
- [ ] Keauhou Bird Conservation Center  (coordinated by another agency, special conditions and extra time apply)
- [ ] Seed cleaning
- [ ] Greenhouse work  (limited to 15 people)
- [ ] Weeding

**Vehicle Information**

What type of transportation will you have? (Van, buses, etc) ____________________________

Will you have vehicles with 4-wheel drive?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**To submit application**

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