

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
- ability to adhere to Covid-19 Protocols and
- first come first serve basis. (The earlier the better!)

Site Description and Facilities

- 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 (larger land division) of Kapāpala, which is owned by Kamehameha Schools
- Work site is fairly remote with no bathroom facilities or covered structures
- Due to Covid-19 protocols we will be walking to all work sites. Be prepared to walk at least 2.5 miles through out the day, some of which is up a steep hill.
- 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.

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 12-1:00 Activities
 - o 1:00 – 1:30 Travel back to Gate
 - 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 – 25 participants, ages 12 and up.
- Groups that have special requirements (i.e. younger students, pre K- 4th, less mobile community members) 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 3 weeks prior to date of the field trip.

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
Resources Management
Hawai'i National Park, HI 96781
- Request acceptance and activities of visit are based on factors such as staff availability, site availability, limitations due to Covid-19 protocols, purpose of request but ultimately dictated by the needs of Keauhou.

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Date received: _____

___ Approved _____

___ Declined _____ Date

Group Information

Organization / School Name: _____

Description of Organization/ Class:

What is the purpose of your visit?

Contact Name _____ Title/ Position _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Has this group visited Keauhou before? No Yes

If yes, when and for what purpose? _____

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 do you need to leave? _____



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

Activities

We decide activities for huak'ai based on site and staff availability, moon phases, weather, group size, and ultimately what is best for the Keauhou. These activities include but are not limited to; planting, seed collecting, seed cleaning, weeding, trail building, etc.

There are other activities, beyond those listed above, that may be available for the group, depending on size of group, age of volunteers and time constraints. If you are interested in these options please see options below. Check appropriate box if you are interested.

Greenhouse work
(limited to 15 people)

Vehicle Information

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

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

Lua

There are no restroom facilities at Keauhou. Porta-potties can be delivered on-site for the huaka'i. 'Imi Pono is able to provide a lua if your group does not have the means to do so.

Do you have funds to provide a porta-pottie or lua for this huaka'i? Yes No

To submit application

By email

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By mail

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Hilo, HI 96720



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