



VOLUNTEER O'AHU

Supporting environmental education while having fun with others is what volunteering at the Hawai'i Nature Center is all about. Volunteer benefits include T-shirts, personalized orientation and training, and special invitations to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and the O'ahu Museum Volunteer Leaders' Volunteer Appreciation Month activities in April.

Our Volunteer Program Director will find a niche that is just right for you. Discover new skills and creative talents, and find out how you can make a difference.

To sign up for a volunteer opportunity, please contact:
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TEACHING DOCENTS

Work with elementary school children (kindergarten to fifth grade) outdoors and teach various environmental education lessons. Previous work with children preferred but not required. Training provided. Field sites include: Makiki Valley, Waimanalo Bay Recreation Area, USFW Honouliuli National Wildlife Refuge in 'Ewa (Fall semester only), and Pu'u 'Ualaka'a State Park.

Time commitment: one weekday morning, four hours per week, Fall and/or Spring semester.

GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

Maintain planted areas around the Center and on the program trails. Includes planting, propagation, vine eradication, weed whacking, watering, and composting. Can also help with the maintenance of the taro patch.

Time commitment: varies, preferably once a month for maintenance.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Help maintain and beautify HNC facilities. Includes simple construction and repair projects, painting, and cleaning.

Time commitment: varies, depending on staff needs.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Includes Boy Scout Eagle Scout projects, wetland restoration at Pouhala Marsh in Waipahu and USFW Honouliuli National Wildlife Refuge in 'Ewa, service projects for Cub Scout Troops and other service-oriented businesses clubs like Interact Clubs, Rotary Clubs, and Sierra Club High School Hikers.

Time commitment: Varies, depending on group's request.

NATURE CAMP

Assist with weeklong, all-day nature camps that includes hikes, nature crafts, and off-site field trips. Time commitment: At least one full week, 7:15 am-3:30 pm, during the summer or during school intersession breaks (spring, fall, winter).

OFFICE ASSISTANTS

Assist with various office tasks such as word processing, data entry, and bulk mailing and labeling. Help with special arts and crafts project preparation. Time commitment: varies.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Assist HNC staff at community events, fairs, and exhibits. Usually involves hands-on activities, nature crafts, and the distribution of HNC literature. Time commitment: varies, usually on weekends.