Welcome to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Information Packet

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If you have questions regarding the application process or need additional information, email us at info@thenaturecorps.org or contact The Nature Corps at (805)434-0299. Thank you for your participation.

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WELCOME TO HAWAII VOLCANOES NP

Dear Guest,

Thank you for taking part in the Nature Corps’ Hawaii Volcanoes Voluntour. We appreciate your desire to preserve this beautiful park and look forward to sharing a unique and rewarding experience with you.

The following information will help you prepare for the outing. To answer questions you may have, please feel free to give us a call at (805) 434-0299.

What You Need To Know About Your Trip to Hawaii Volcanoes NP: It will most likely be warm and sunny and at times rainy during the day and mildly cool in the evening. Be sure to bring along plenty of sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat to cover your ears and face. Since it can rain at any time, please be sure to bring a lightweight rain poncho. Below is a detailed list of the items you need to bring.

Insurance & Medical Care: We strongly encourage you to obtain private travel and accident insurance for the duration of the expedition. Emergency transport, medical or hospitalization costs resulting from illness or accident on the way to and from the parks and during the expedition are the responsibility of the person receiving such care and/or their children, parents/guardians & immediate family.

Expedition Conditions: During the expedition you are under the direction of National Park staff and Nature Corps Expedition Leaders. You will be asked to share in both the fieldwork and “camp” responsibilities. Your safety is very important to us. It is critical that volunteers cooperate with the Expedition Leaders and park personnel. Working in the field inevitably involves unforeseen situations. Flexibility and cooperation are essential.

Preparing for Your Trip: The following pages will help you to prepare for your volunteer expedition by providing a list of what will be provided by Nature Corps, a bulleted list of items to bring, packing suggestions, directions and a map. If you have any questions that are not answered in this packet, please feel free to contact us via email or phone.

Hotel Information: For information about the hotels, please go to http://www.thenaturecorps.org/tour/hawaii/

Nature Corps Provides Most of Your Meals: We provide food and beverages during the tour including breakfast, tasty deli-style box lunches, and most of your dinners except when we are on the road exploring the island, at which time we will enjoy a variety of local restaurants.
Tour Itinerary: You will be provided with a detailed tour itinerary during your orientation on your first evening. For an overview of the itinerary go to: http://www.thenaturecorps.org/tour/hawaii/#itinerary.

Special Packing Notes: On the first half of our trip, we sleep in rustic cabins with bunk beds. You will have access to the cabins to store your belongings while we are gone during the day. Also, the cabins can get cold at night. Yes, in Hawaii! We recommend you bring an extra blanket with you for a good night’s rest.

You must be prepared for rainy conditions. Make sure that you bring along a compact rain poncho. It will most likely be warm during the day and cool in the evening. Be sure to bring along plenty of sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat to cover your ears and face. Also, at mid-week we will need to relocate to the condominiums on the Kona side of the island. It is nearly a two-hour drive so we need to make the “crossing” in one trip. It is therefore critical that you pack as light as possible. Mark your belongings clearly so that they are not mistaken or lost at the airport.

Important Phone Numbers:
National Park Service: (808) 985-6000, Rhonda Loh is our NPS liaison
The Nature Corps: (805) 434-0299, Cell phone (805) 975-7300
Country Goose B & B (808) 967-7759
Kanloa at Kona (808) 322-9625

Flight Information: Do not purchase airfare until you have contacted Nature Corps to determine that the minimum number of participants has been reached.

When you have made your flight arrangements, please be sure to email mlandon@thenaturecorps.org with the following information:
• The airline you will be flying and an 800 number to confirm your flight’s arrival
• The flight number, and
• The scheduled time of arrival at Kona International. Please attempt to arrive by 2:30pm.

We will greet you at the airport when you arrive and transport you and your luggage to the lodging units at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to begin the outing.
WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

Clothing

- Light weight shirts
- Underwear
- T-shirts
- Hiking & Walking Shoes
- Flip flops or sandals
- Socks: thick and regular
- Slacks & Jeans
- Shorts
- Swim Suit & beach towels
- Sweatshirt & Pants
- Sleep wear
- Windbreaker
- Jacket
- Compact rain poncho

Personal Hygiene & First Aid

- Personal Hygiene items
- Band Aids
- Moleskin for blisters
- Pain Reliever
- Medications
- Motion Sickness pills
- Razor
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap & shampoo
- Comb or brush
- Deodorant
- Make-up

Work Gear

- Work Clothing – including long pants/jeans
- Hiking/work boots
- Work Gloves
- Wide brimmed hat to protect face & neck from sun
- Large Canteen
- Small Daypack or fannypack for day hikes
- Moleskin (for blisters)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Bug Repellant

Other Items

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Alarm Clock
- Small Flashlight
- Daypack or fanny pack
- Book or other reading materials
- Fishing gear & License
- Snorkeling Gear & Fins
- Musical Instrument
We will meet you at Kona International Airport and transport you and your luggage to the Cabins at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park where our outing begins.

As part of the trip itinerary we will tour nearly the entire perimeter of the island. There will be lots to see and do!
When visiting the Kona side of the island we will spend 3 nights and 4 days at the Kanalo at Kona along the oceanfront on Keauhou Bay on the Big Island's southwest side. Accommodations feature:

- Deluxe resort condos.
- Relaxed Garden Atmosphere
- Fully furnished kitchens with washer/dryer, and lanai
- Championship golf courses nearby
- Near Keauhou Shopping Village
- Oceanfront Edward's restaurant

Also:

- Concierge
- Championship golf courses nearby
- Two lighted tennis courts
- Recreation and lounge area
- Three pools (one adult only pool)
- Whirlpool spas

**Rooms include:**

- Balcony
- Coffee maker
- Color television
- Direct-dial telephone
- Full kitchen
- In-room safe
- Non-smoking units
- Refrigerator
- Washer/dryer
Accommodations at Hawaii Volcanoes

The Country Goose Bed and Breakfast

During our stay in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park we will spend four nights lodging at the Country Goose Bed Breakfast Inn located in Volcano Village just outside Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

The Country Goose Bed and Breakfast and vacation rental homes are nestled up country in the higher elevation (3,500 ft.) of the picturesque rainforest on the Big Island of Hawaii. All peaceful havens. Each location is only minutes from Volcano National Park, gateway to the Pu'u O'o vent of Kilauea. Endless trails full of Hawaiian legend and the mystique of "Madam Pele" goddess of the volcano beckon you to share this awesome experience.

The Nature Corps is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to implement an ongoing campaign to involve Americans in the preservation of our public lands, particularly the State and National Parks. The Corps is:

1) Working with public land managers to design and spearhead critical conservation projects
2) Implementing a public education campaign to promote a stewardship ethic, and
3) Involving the public, especially America’s youth, as stewards of our natural treasures.

Since 1987, 5,000 volunteers have donated thousands of volunteer hours towards projects valued at over $7,500,000. Our volunteers are responsible for restoring and preserving some of our nation’s most valued natural treasures. We have mobilized volunteers to Yosemite, Channel Islands, Hawaii Volcanoes, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. Our projects include:

- protecting the world renown General Sherman Sequoia, the largest living organism on earth
- safeguarding rare, ancient and historical sequoia groves, as well as Hawaiian rainforests
- restoring the ecological balance of Yosemite's Merced River
- revegetating fragile meadows in the High Sierra
- rehabilitating historical structures and antiquated park service facilities

Without the help of our volunteers, these natural resources would continue to be threatened. For its accomplishments The Nature Corps has earned four “Take Pride in California” Awards, the American Express “Mark of Innovation” and the National Park Service “Partnership Achievement Award. This program is recognized by government leaders and educators.

“I want to congratulate you and recognize the outstanding work The Nature Corps has been carrying out for the last 20 years in the National Parks. The Nature Corps’ leadership on this important issue is an example for the rest of this nation to follow.”

_The Honorable Lois Capps, Congresswoman, House Committee on Natural Resources_

"Your volunteers are wonderfully devoted to the preservation of Yosemite and it is a pleasure to work with them. They are always enthusiastic, energetic and very successful in accomplishing their goals. The Nature Corps’ mission, goals and achievements should be commended."

_Mike Tollefson, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park_
"The Nature Corps has demonstrated enormous contributions that volunteers make in helping the Park Service. Their unique program for Americans from all walks of life has channeled their abilities and love for the outdoors into undertaking many important conservation projects."

W. L. "Bill" Lane, Jr., Ambassador to Australia, Former Publisher of Sunset Magazine

"Without the dedication of The Nature Corps irreversible damage would continue to occur around this National Treasure [General Sherman Tree, the largest living organism on earth]."

J. Thomas Ritter, Superintendent, Sequoia National Park

**Comments Made by Employee Volunteers:**

"It has been a real pleasure to come out and volunteer on this project. Everyone should have the opportunity to volunteer out here. There are certain milestones in your life like getting married and having a child and then doing something really special like this." — Gary Gray

"It’s been a lot of hard work and sweat ... and very worthwhile. It’s been great working with the employees and getting to know them better. This means a lot to me, to be out here doing something for the next generation. I appreciate the opportunity to work with The Nature Corps and that Occidental has made it possible for me to come out here and be a part of this project. It’s been a time that has been very meaningful for my son and I." — Pat Heard

Thank you for taking the time to help preserve this beautiful Park.

Your support is most appreciated.