



Aloha!

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park hosts our next volunteer **FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT** on **Friday, February 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

This month we will work at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit, located in Ka'u between mile markers 70 and 71 on the mauka side of Highway 11. We will plant native seedling trees in a fenced enclosure, where the plants will be protected from grazing animals. We will also learn about the park's native forest restoration program at Kahuku and be able to see the start of natural recovery of the forest.

Volunteers should be at least 12 years old, and be able to hike at least one mile over rough, uneven terrain covered by thick pasture grasses in an area with a moderate slope. Sturdy walking shoes and long pants are required, along with gear for variable weather conditions (be prepared for sun or rain with a hat, raincoat, sunscreen, etc.) plus drinking water, snacks, and a bag lunch.

Also imperative is scrubbing the soles of one's shoes prior to arrival on site, in order to ensure outside dirt and invasive species seeds aren't tracked in.

Our goal is a crew of 12 people, and pre-registration is required. All participants will need to sign a Friends release form and a park volunteer form. For those under 18, an adult will need to co-sign. Since we will be a half-hour drive in from the parking area, all volunteers will need to stay until the project is completed at 3:00 p.m.

*****If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patty Kupchak at forest@fhvnp.org or (808) 352-1402 by Monday evening, February 13. Please include your first and last name, email address, and a phone number where we can reach you at the last minute in case of cancellation*****

Come join us for a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our national park and participate in native forest recovery!

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P.S. Please save the date for our upcoming Forest Restoration Projects in 2012:

- Saturday, March 17
- Friday, April 20
- Saturday, May 19
- Friday, June 15
- Saturday, July 21, 2012
- Friday, August 17, 2012
- Saturday September 29, 2012
- Friday October 19, 2012
- Saturday, November 17, 2012

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