



KUPUKUPU 'ĀINA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

MARCH 18-22, 2013

DEADLINE TO APPLY: JANUARY 31, 2013

Dear applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Kupukupu 'Āina Internship Program at Haleakalā National Park. Please read the background information and instructions before filling out the application form. If you decide to pursue an internship position with us, you will need to submit your completed application no later than **January 31, 2013**. Incomplete applications and those postmarked after the deadline date will not be accepted or reviewed, no exceptions.

Background

The Kupukupu 'Āina Internship Program is a week-long experience for students in grades 6-8 that is scheduled to occur during the Spring break as designated by the Hawai'i State Department of Education. The program was designed to provide local youth with opportunities to learn about the National Park system, its mission and programs to protect natural and historical resources, and career prospects. The program affords interns a chance to work alongside park professionals in various programs, including Resources Management, Interpretation, and Facilities Management.

Planned activities for 2013 include, but are not limited to: Guided hikes in the summit and Kīpahulu Districts; native plant propagation; invasive weed control; plant identification; facilities management; outdoor safety education; and, special guest speakers.

This program is intended for those who have an interest in pursuing a career in natural resources conservation and/or the National Park Service. It does not preclude applicants without prior experience in environmental service, but does seek individuals who have an interest and willingness to learn about the natural environment at Haleakalā and the ongoing efforts to protect its unique species, many of which are found only on Maui.

Kupukupu 'Āina is one of three internship programs at Haleakalā National Park. Others include Pōhai Maile for high school students and 'Imi i ka Lama for college-age students. All of these programs offer critical stepping stones towards a career in the National Park Service, a benefit offered specifically to aid Hawai'i's youth and their professional aspirations.



Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be:

- A Hawai'i resident
- A current middle school student in grades 6-8
- Available full-time between March 18-22, 2013 (7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) plus travel time
- Able to provide own daily transportation to and from designated pick-up sites at the War Memorial Stadium in Kahului or Eddie Tam Gym in Makawao. Free transportation to and from these sites will be provided by Haleakalā National Park staff.
- Able to work outdoors at sea level and at elevations between 7,000-10,000 feet in varying weather conditions

Living Allowance

Interns will earn a Living Allowance of \$25.00 per day of participation. The funds will be paid via direct deposit after the program concludes.

To apply

- 1) Fill out all three (3) pages of the application form, which consists of:
 - ✓ Ten questions
 - ✓ Contact information for three references
 - ✓ Applicant signature and date
 - ✓ Parent/guardian signature and date
- 2) Submit completed application via mail or fax by January 31, 2013 to:

Kūhea Paracuelles
Internship Coordinator
Haleakalā National Park
P.O. Box 369
Makawao, Hawai'i 96768-0369

Fax: (808) 572-1304 Attn: Kūhea Paracuelles, Internship Coordinator

- 3) Applicants must use the official form as it appears in this packet. Incomplete and/or illegible applications will not be accepted or reviewed. Applications should be typewritten or filled out using a black ink pen. DO NOT use a pencil!

Questions about the program and application process may be directed to Kūhea Paracuelles at (808) 572-4452 or Kuhea_Paracuelles@nps.gov.

