



Garden Service-Learning for Teachers and Students

The native and ethnobotanical garden on our cultural site requires continuous care. We prize our garden which features 30-40 different species of native plants, some found only in Hawai'i and many, rare and endangered.

As we transition from outsourcing our garden expertise to working with the community, if you are interested in learning more about native plants, where they grow best and how they were used by Native Hawaiians, come and join us at the Mānoa Heritage Center. Mahalo!

Guidelines:

By appointment: Service-Learning must be arranged in advance by calling 988-1287 or email us at contact@manoaheritagecenter.org. Interested volunteers may also complete an application on our website: <https://forms.gle/2DVBhH3qaxWDeKU69>

Schedule: Service-Learning can take place M-F in the morning. Since we are a small team, **with advance notice**, we have flexibility during the morning hours (8-12 noon). On the first day, a one-hour introduction and brief tour of the site will be provided.

Time: Allow a minimum of two hours per work day.

Size of Working Group: 2-4 (tbd by current COVID restrictions)

Kokua: Students and accompanying teachers will work under the direction of a MHC staff member. We will share information such as the type of plants being conserved, their traditional uses, maintenance required to keep them healthy and propagation. Teachers are encouraged to share their knowledge and relate the learning experience to their class curriculum.

Type of work: Garden work may include any of the following activities: mulching, trimming, weeding, watering, harvesting sweet potatoes or taro, propagating new plants and clearing dead leaves and debris. From time to time there may be an opportunity to participate in a Hawaiian cultural activity such as preparing hala for weaving, hau for making kaula, collecting kukui for making oil, or gathering plants to make kapa dye.

Bring: gloves, work shoes, a mask, a hat and water. Sunblock and dark glasses are recommended. Please bring a reusable water bottle to keep hydrated.

Lunch: If you plan to bring your own lunch, feel free to enjoy your lunch on the property.

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