



VOLUNTEER AT TONGARIRO

What better place to experience the true New Zealand culture than living and working at the country's largest outdoor education centre situated at the base of Mt Ruapehu, adjacent to the Tongariro National Park.

Hillary Outdoors loves our volunteers and would be happy to have you join us.

To be a volunteer at Hillary Outdoors, please note the following:

- 🏠 You must be over 18
- 🏠 Volunteer placements are for a minimum of 3 weeks to a maximum of 6 months
- 🏠 If you are from overseas, you must have a valid work visa for New Zealand
- 🏠 You must have medical and travel insurance

WHAT DO I GET FOR BEING A VOLUNTEER?

- 🏠 Work 4.5 days per week in exchange for food and accommodation onsite
- 🏠 Access centre facilities and equipment subject to availability and proven competency
- 🏠 If required, help during school holidays with sleepover duties for a group of 10 students and participate in activities with them during the day overseen by an instructor (must be 21 or over)
- 🏠 Volunteer for 7 weeks and spend an 8th week observing a standard 5 day multi activity programme led by an instructor

Hillary Outdoors Education Centre in Tongariro is isolated, not accessible by public transport and 30kms away from the nearest town. Pickups from Turangi can be arranged but volunteers without their own vehicle will have limited mobility once they arrive. They may have opportunities to rideshare with others but should consider this when applying.

WORK SCHEDULE

Volunteers work Monday - Friday 8:00 – 16:00 with a half an hour break at 12:00 for lunch. In addition to weekends, volunteers can take one half day midweek every week. Every morning you will attend the morning meeting at 8:00 and get an insight into the work and activities being carried out that day. You will then report to one of the following departments unless otherwise specified.

GEAR HIRE DEPARTMENT

- 🏠 Monday and Friday report to the gear department and assist in signing out gear at the start of the week and checking in gear at the end of the week
- 🏠 Monday organise and put away gear used the previous week. Friday clean and hang out gear to dry gear that has been returned
- 🏠 Gear checks, cleaning of resource centre and toilets as required throughout the week

CATERING DEPARTMENT

- 🏠 Every day after lunch ends at 12:30 assist kitchen staff in clean up
- 🏠 Assist staff in the afternoon with the dinner food preparation for the centre when required

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

- 🏠 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday report to the maintenance department and receive instruction for the day
- 🏠 Assist on maintenance tasks and projects (painting or decorating etc.)
- 🏠 Leaf blow and clear paths of debris and rubbish
- 🏠 Assist in a regular programme of building compliance and fire safety checks
- 🏠 Assist with regular pest control programme
- 🏠 Collect rubbish from staff village and centre facilities and carrying out disposal and recycling procedures
- 🏠 Cut grass or tracks in the bush
- 🏠 Drive centre vehicles if you are 21 and over and have a Full Drivers Licence

OFFICE

- 🏠 Assist with the centre's shop in the morning when required
- 🏠 Assist with general office duties and administration

ACCOMMODATION

You will be based onsite in the staff village sharing with other volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for house cleaning and maintenance and a \$30 cash key deposit is required on arrival. The house has the following facilities:

- 🏠 2 double rooms and 1 twin share room, shared open plan kitchen, dining room and lounge, 2 toilets, bath, shower, drying room, and laundry
- 🏠 Wood burner and a nearby woodshed - wood is provided by the centre
- 🏠 Telephone to receive calls and to make local and emergency calls only
- 🏠 Free Wi-Fi
- 🏠 Driveway with ample space for parking
- 🏠 Access to community centre facilities which include a TV with chromecast, Wi-Fi, and a BBQ

FOOD

All food is provided for volunteers, either at the Youth Development Centre (YDC) or by the catering department to be prepared by you at home. Allergies and dietary requirements should be reported in application and any volunteers with concerns can speak to the catering manager on arrival.

Weekdays meal times at the YDC are as follows:

Summer

🏠 Breakfast 7:30, Lunch 12:00, Dinner 18:00

Winter

🏠 Breakfast 7:45, lunch 12:00, dinner 18:00

🏠 One weekday night students go away on an overnight expedition and the catering department do not prepare food at the YDC. You must see the catering manager during the day to collect food to prepare at home that night and over the weekend

🏠 Friday nights the catering department provides food for staff to prepare a dinner at the Community Centre in the staff village

APPLY

Volunteering is a great opportunity to base yourself in Tongariro National Park amongst people who share a passion for experiences in the outdoors.

If you wish to volunteer at Tongariro please read and complete our application form.