

Volunteer at Tongariro

To be a volunteer at Hillary Outdoors

- 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, medical and travel insurance.
- All New Zealand Residents/Citizens must be Police checked prior to volunteering.

The Volunteers deal is as follows:

- Work 4.5 days per week (35 Hours) 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 and in return have the opportunity to participate in instructor led activities with the students during the day (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 Centre 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. There may be opportunities to rideshare with others but you should consider this before applying.

Work schedule

Volunteers work Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm with a half an hour break at 12pm for lunch. In addition to weekends, volunteers can take one half day midweek every week. Every morning you will attend the morning meeting at 8am 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 assist in collecting in equipment and help with cleaning and drying of all gear.
- Gear checks, cleaning of resource centre and toilets as required throughout the week.

Catering Department:

- Assist kitchen staff with clean up every day after lunch at around 12.30pm.
- Assist kitchen staff in the afternoon with the dinner food preparation 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 carry out disposal and recycling procedures.
- Cut grass or tracks in the bush.
- Drive centre vehicles (21 and over on a Full Driver's 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; it is about a 5-minute walk to work. Volunteers are responsible for their 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. (A room will be allocated to you on arrival).
- Sheets, pillows, blankets and towels are provided.
- 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 (TV with chromecast, table tennis table, Wi-Fi and 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 your application and any volunteers with concerns can speak to the catering manager on arrival.

- Weekday meal times at the YDC are as follows -
- Breakfast 7.30am, Lunch 12pm, Dinner 6pm
- One weekday night students go away on an overnight expedition and the Catering Department do not prepare food at the Youth Development Centre, this is also the case over the weekend. You must see the Catering Manager during the day to collect food to prepare at home that night and for the weekend.
- Friday nights the Catering Department provides food for staff to prepare a dinner at the Community Centre in the staff village.

Gear and facilities at the Centre

There is a swimming pool, climbing wall and bouldering area which can all be used once a competency sign off has been completed by a Hillary Outdoors staff member.

Use of outdoor equipment from the centre can be borrowed in personal time. The volunteer must have this approved by the Duty Manager by signing a request form.

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 online application form.