



REEFTEACHERS VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

What is the most accessible snorkeling spot in Hawai'i and Kona? Kahalu'u Bay! Because it is such a convenient and pleasant spot to enjoy the ocean and marine life, it also is one of the most endangered and fragile. Help us keep this sacred and beautiful spot healthy for years to come.

We need **ReefTeachers** to help us educate visitors on how to avoid damaging the coral reef and keeping the marine environment healthy. Volunteers are needed for the holiday visitor season and throughout the year. Please bring a friend; we need as much volunteer help as possible!

Join the effort to save Kahalu'u Bay's corals and educate visitors on the importance of Hawai'i's marine ecosystem!

We're proud of the significant progress that's occurred since 2000:

- Volunteer ReefTeachers of all ages have been teaching hundreds of visitors to Kahalu'u Bay how to reduce their impact on organisms found in Kahalu'u Bay.
- Volunteers are trained by a U.H. Sea Grant Extension Agent and experienced Marine Science Instructors.
- Volunteers use picture boards and examples of coral to teach visitors about delicate coral and the organisms that depend upon the reef for food and sustainability.
- Data collected by previous volunteers on snorkeler behaviors demonstrates that visitors who have been educated are less likely to stand on or touch coral. Volunteers can see the results of their work by collecting further data on the behavior of visitors that have and have not experienced the ReefTeach program.
- Inform visitors of turtle basking behavior and help reduce disturbances to turtles.
- In addition to helping a great cause, volunteers receive a **FREE REEFTEACH T-SHIRT, LEARN IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND HAVE FUN.**

Interested volunteers are asked to attend two training sessions. You may decide which session you would like to attend:

Classroom Lecture (Attend One Classroom Lecture) 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Bakken Foundation Office across the street from Home Depot on the second floor. North of Kaloko Furniture building.

On-Site Training (Attend One On-Site Training) 9am – 11am

Kahalu'u Beach Park. Bring your snorkel Gear

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