



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT BAHAY TULUYAN

Volunteers from the Philippines and abroad are an important part of the life of Bahay Tuluyan and help us to keep our programs and services running. This information sheet has been put together for people who want to know more about volunteering at Bahay Tuluyan. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at development.manager@bahaytuluyan.org

How long do volunteers normally stay?

Volunteers are welcome to stay for any length of time however we recommend a minimum stay of at least 3 weeks in order to be able to make the most of the volunteering experience. It normally takes volunteers a while to adjust to the climate, lifestyle and the organization, after which the most valuable volunteering often takes place.

Can Bahay Tuluyan provide accommodation for volunteers?

Accommodation for volunteers can be provided within Bahay Tuluyan's centers for a minimal donation to cover food & electricity. The accommodation is basic accommodation, which may be shared with other volunteers or staff. Showering is done using a bucket and ladle.

What activities do volunteers normally do?

Volunteers assist Bahay Tuluyan in a number of ways, depending on their skills, interests, time and the needs of the organization. Volunteers in the past have been involved in a range of activities including tutoring children, teaching music, gardening, painting, running sport activities, assisting with data-basing and providing training for staff. If you decide to volunteer with us, a staff member of the organization will work with you to create your work plan for the duration of your stay, depending on the factors noted above.

What do volunteers need to bring?

Some of the things that would be useful to bring are:

- comfortable, casual clothes for working in (Please note that low tops, spaghetti straps, very short pants/skirts or tops revealing midriff are not

- appropriate. Body piercings, except ears, are not appropriate – please remove or cover. Tattoos should be concealed)
- mosquito net – at your own preference, although also available locally
 - insect repellent, toiletries & bath towel
 - activities/tools/equipment that you anticipate that you might want to use as part of your volunteering experience – please feel free to check with us what is already available and what might be needed

Do you accept volunteers on an independent basis?

Bahay Tuluyan accepts volunteers through organizations such as Australian Volunteers International, US Peace Corps and VIDA – please contact those organizations directly to volunteer through their programs. We also accept volunteers on an independent basis, depending on the needs of the organization and capacity for managing volunteers from time to time.

Do you have a selection process for volunteers?

Yes, everyone who applies to become a volunteer at Bahay Tuluyan is screened before being accepted. In order to facilitate screening, we request that you fill out the attached volunteer profile and return it to Bahay Tuluyan. We also ask you to provide a current resume/CV as well as a police check. Bahay Tuluyan reserves the right to refuse applicants who do not pass the screening process.

Thank you for your interest in Bahay Tuluyan.