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Subject: Volunteer Work at the He'Eia Fishpond for my Field Trip

He'eia Fishpond

I am going to travel to the He'eia fishpond in Kaneohe for my field trip. I chose this specific place because I want to learn more about how the Hawaiians used these fishponds. From my knowledge they trapped smaller fish and make them big enough so they could not escape through the nets. In addition, when looking through their site that Jim had provided, I came across that I could volunteer to collect invasive limu, plant native limu, cut down mangroves, and reconstruct fishpond walls. Also the site was very useful they provided a map on how to get to the fishpond and also gave their address and contact number. The last factor that made me commit to this field trip was because Malia, Kiani, and Reggie will be tagging along.

Reggie, Malia, Kiani, and I are planning to volunteer at the He'eia fishpond this Saturday, November 11, 2013. Malia and Kiani had already set up and called a member of the fishpond and informed them that we will be attending. I think that we will do what was listed on the site, collect invasive limu, plant native limu, cut down mangroves, and reconstruct fishpond walls. The volunteer work will start at 8:30 and will go on till around 12. After the work we will probably get fed but I am looking forward to learn more about the system that the Hawaiians used and how they managed to build these unique fishponds.

There are many preparations that have from Friday evening to Saturday morning. The first thing after class I will be picking up Reggie and sitting in traffic to Kapolei. Once in Kapolei, I will need to go to the store to buy bottles of water for Reggie and I. I will need to bring a notebook and pen. Reggie and I will probably look more at the site and find questions that we can ask. In addition, we will also be reading Jamaica's document that she emailed us during class. Reggie, Malia, Kiani, and I will all be wearing clothes that we don't mind getting dirty and old shoes that can get dirty and wet. In the morning around 7:30 I will need to leave to get gas. After getting gas we will be traveling to the fishpond in Kaneohe, which is on the other side of the island. When getting in Kaneohe we will meet up with Malia and Kiani, since they already live on this side of the island. Finally, after getting to the fishpond and doing the volunteer work I will have to drop Reggie back off at the dorms, then drive back to Kapolei.