



GREETINGS and WELCOME!

Thank you for registering for the **March 2015 Kauai Coyote Mentoring Weekend** with Wilderness Awareness School and Kauai Nature School in Kauai, Hawaii. This course is a powerful, transformative experience that will give you a balance of theory and practical tools to take home with you. We are excited to meet you at **The Taro Patch**, Kikoo Loop Road, Anahola, HI 96703. The Taro Patch is a well-known and well-loved venue on Kauai. The entrance to the Taro Patch is across from Whalers and the Anahola Post Office

Please see our website for detailed information about our cancellation and transfer policy.

This confirmation letter contains information that you will need to prepare for this program. **Please read it carefully.**

If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact Wilderness Awareness School at (425) 788-1301; our office hours are 8:00-4:00, Monday through Friday. If for any reason you need to reach us on March 17th or during the program March 18-20th, please call **Matt Kirk at (808) 346-1019 or Nate Summers at (425) 681-0874.**

We are looking forward to a fabulous weekend together exploring the depths of the Wilderness Awareness mentoring model. Safe travels!

Sincerely,

Nate Summers
School Year Programs Director
Wilderness Awareness School

Matt Kirk
Director and Founder
Kauai Nature School

~ Kauai Coyote Mentoring Weekend ~

When:

This program starts **Friday, March 27 at 9:00am** and ends **at 4:30 PM on Sunday, March 29, 2015**. From 9:00am until approximately 10:00am on Friday you will have time to sign in, set up your sleeping area, and shake off the “road dust” from your travels. Please ensure you are on time and ready to go! *Please note that our staff will be meeting and preparing for the weekend until 8:45 – if you arrive early, please be patient until they are ready for you!*

Class will run each day from 9am until 4:30pm, though we may go a little later each day based on the curriculum we are covering!!!

Where:

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The Taro Patch is in Anahola town. Kikoo Road is off of the Kuhio Highway just south of the Post Office. The road is just north of the highway bridge. Kikoo Road is a very short road. It dead-ends on the other side of an older bridge across Anahola stream. The trail to the Taro patch is along the south side of Anahola stream. It is about a 5-minute walk. You can't drive right to the site. You have to walk in. For campers we will have a few wheelbarrows and carts to help you transport your camping

What to Expect:

We will be spending time outside as well as in outdoor covered spaces, which range from rustic to modern. Be prepared to dress in layers so that you can adjust easily. Expect that you may get muddy and dirty – perhaps more so than you have since you were a child (or ever)!!

Weather will be quite mild, but please bring plenty of sunscreen, sun protection, and also some rain gear as rain is an almost daily event.

While this class is serious and focused, it will also be very enjoyable. Our apologies in advance if you are allergic to fun. We will cover lots of topics including: the Medicine Wheel, the Natural Learning Cycle, 8 shields curriculum, Mentoring of different age groups, Nature Connection, and so much more. This class will balance theory with hands-on practice. We will do our best to create a safe learning environment, while at the same time pushing your edges for maximizing growth!

This class will be conducted in such a way that accommodations can be made for all levels of fitness, ability, and age.

We recommend that participants be as present (physically and mentally) as possible during Coyote Mentoring, and not plan to leave the workshop or make phone calls unless it is essential.

Facilities:

Camping is available at **The Taro Patch**.

Riverside camping is \$10/night...you can pay when you arrive. This money goes directly to Uncle John and the care of the land. Please let us know in advance when you intend to arrive and how many nights you will be staying. If you need to stay before or after the program, please contact us.

For your convenience, flush toilets, sinks, abundant clean water, and river bathing are available. There is a fire circle and tarped covered shelters for socializing as well, esp in case of rain. Anahola beach park is nearby and has cold showers as well as gorgeous swimming. We will provide access to hot water for tea or self serve coffee. Nearby is a convenience store, a burger joint and da best local smoothie, juice, acai bowl place. There is no official kitchen but we can put something together for making simple stuff like oatmeal if people have clear requests.

Please contact Matt Kirk at 808-346-1019 with questions regarding camping including if you can arrive the night before.

Food:

Food will not be provided for this program though there will be access to water.

GEAR PACKING LIST

Please bring the following items. This list is designed with your comfort and safety in mind, and takes into account the variable weather possibilities during spring in Kauai.

For those who are camping on site:

- o Tent with rain fly and ground tarp
- o Sleeping bag and pad (with temperature rating appropriate for season)
- o Toiletries and personal medication
- o Sunscreen
- o Swimsuit
- o Towel
- o 1-Liter water bottles (2)
- o Notebook and pen/pencil
- o Journals (personal or for nature/tracking studies)
- o Plate and Bowl
- o Mug for tea or coffee
- o Flashlight
- o Daypack (to carry lunch, water, notebook, and extra layers)
- o Clothing that can be worn outside, get dirty, etc. *appropriate to the weather. This could include:*
 - Δ Light weight pants and long-sleeved shirt (for bug/sun protection)
 - Δ T-shirt and shorts
 - Δ Appropriate footwear; bring two pairs, including one to tromp in wet and mud

Optional:

- Pillow
- Camera
- Binoculars for checking out birds
- Camp chair, or a cushion for our seats (we have hard plastic chairs)

For those who are staying off site:

- o Sunscreen
- o Swimsuit
- o Towel
- o 1-Liter water bottles (2)
- o Notebook and pen/pencil
- o Journals (personal or for nature/tracking studies)

- o Daypack (to carry lunch, water, notebook, and extra layers)
- o Clothing that can be worn outside, get dirty, etc. *appropriate to the weather. This could include:*
 - Light weight pants and long-sleeved shirt (for bug/sun protection)
 - T-shirt and shorts
 - Appropriate footwear; bring two pairs, including one to tromp in wet and mud