

## **Application to join us for *Little Planet, Big Island*, Jan. 28-Feb. 9, 2014**

- an ethnobotanical travel intensive, offered by Botanical Dimensions

To get started, please complete this 3-page application and submit with a non-refundable **\$500 deposit** to hold your position until Dec. 30, 2013, when the full balance is due. (If for any reason we cannot accept you for this intensive, your \$500 deposit/donation will be returned in full.) You may make this payment with check, money order, or you may donate online at <http://www.botanicaldimensions.org> through the regular donation channel. You will be thanked for your donation, which is tax-deductible under the rules of your own tax status. (BD is a 501c3 non-profit organization.)

If sending your deposit by mail, send to: **Botanical Dimensions, PO Box 807, Occidental CA 95465** (And please email [kat@botanicaldimensions.org](mailto:kat@botanicaldimensions.org) to let us know that your application and/or payment is in the mail, so that a place is held for you.) The deposit should reach BD by Dec. 15, 2013. The balance of \$2,450 must reach BD by Dec. 30, 2013.

OR fill this application out, sign it, scan it, and email it to [kat@botanicaldimensions.org](mailto:kat@botanicaldimensions.org). If you send the application electronically, you may either

1. Go online to <http://www.botanicaldimensions.org> and click the DONATE button.
2. Mail your deposit check or money order to the address above. You will receive a written acknowledgement of your deposit, and confirmation that it is a tax-deductible donation.

### **The basics:**

Your legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like to be called? \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/s: hm \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:      Male \_\_\_\_\_      Female \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name, Relationship & Phone Number):

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### **Health questions** (please add a sheet if necessary for longer answers):

Do you have any allergies or medical problems?      Yes      No

If yes, please explain:

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Are you currently taking any type of prescribed drugs?      Yes      No      If yes: Which drug and for what purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any physical/mental/emotional imbalance that we should know about, for your sake and/or for the well-being of the group? (This will be kept private unless you wish to share it.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any health-related dietary restrictions?      Yes      No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Food preferences:** Please describe any dietary preferences, and we will do our best to accommodate them. Vegetarian options will always be available. We will have the opportunity to eat some local fish, a staple of the Hawaiian diet, as well as local fruits and vegetables. Our meals are natural, local and/or organic as much as possible. Please plan to be open-minded about trying new things. Our chef and the local foods are great!

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**Mobility, stamina:** Excursions are a regular part of this experience, sometimes to places nearby and sometimes we have quite a drive first. Most walks are easy to moderate, but ground is often uneven; they can be managed with just a walking stick, if you need one (several may be available). Do you have any mobility issues? If so, please describe:

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**Rooms:** At our B&B, you will share a room with one appropriate roommate, and you may share a bathroom with 1 or 2 others. If you know someone else who is coming and you would like to share a room with them, please tell us.

*Rooming preference will be considered but cannot be guaranteed. Please DO NOT contact Ah Paradise to try to secure a particular room or make reservations. We have rented the whole place and we know the rooms well, so contact us.*

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in this course, and what do you hope to learn?

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What is your work in life? Include job, studies, passionate interest, service?

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What experience and/or knowledge would you bring to this gathering, in regard to plants, healing, culture, travel, particular skills or talents?

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### **Payments – more details to read**

- A) \$500 deposit is due with your application, or may be paid via the Botanical Dimensions website donation function. [www.botanicaldimensions.org](http://www.botanicaldimensions.org) It will go through Network for Good, which serves non-profits, but will end up in BD's bank account. Then email me that you did that. It will be recorded as a donation AND as your course deposit. You will receive an email confirmation of your tax-deductible donation from Network for Good.
- B) If you are accepted for the course (we'll let you know within a day of receiving an application), then that \$500 is non-refundable, and holds your spot in the intensive. (If for some reason we cannot include you, then you will have the right to a full refund.) We need to receive your \$500 deposit/donation by Dec. 15, 2013.
- C) The balance of the cost (\$2,450) *must be received by Dec. 30, 2013*. It should be paid via check or money order to Botanical Dimensions, PO Box 807, Occidental, CA 95465. Please email [kat@botanicaldimensions.org](mailto:kat@botanicaldimensions.org) to let us know you've sent it, which will assure us that you are coming to Hawaii.

### **Waiver**

We will endeavor to give you a great experience, while keeping each of you safe and sound. Before the course begins, you will be asked to sign a waiver of liability, taking responsibility for your own well-being and safety throughout the trip. Neither Botanical Dimensions, nor its officers, directors or employees, nor the teachers of this course are legally responsible for your safety. (And we use good judgment and have never lost anyone yet.)

### **Important—Please read & sign**

I have read this entire application and course description, and by signing this I agree to and understand all terms and conditions, including payment conditions.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Helpful TRAVEL ADVICE:**

### **Arrival-Departure information for flights to Hawaii/Kona:**

Once you are sure you are coming, please buy your plane ticket ASAP. Plan to arrive at Kona (aka Keahole) Airport (KOA) on the “Big Island” of Hawaii. If you want us to pick you up and bring you to our B&B, then plan to arrive on Jan. 28, preferably between the hours of 11am-7pm. We will begin picking up people at noon. If for some reason you cannot arrive until later that evening, just let us know and we’ll do our best to pick you up then. If you choose to arrive a day or more early, we can pick you up in the area of Kailua-Kona or Kealahou on Jan. 28.

Please plan your departure accordingly: We can deliver you to the Kona airport from 9am-5pm on Feb. 9. If your flight leaves late in the evening on Feb. 9, we can help you figure out where to be in Kona and how to get a taxi or shuttle to the airport. People often share a taxi for this purpose. Plan to leave our B&B by 10am on Feb. 9, after which we can drop you off in Kailua-Kona, if not at the airport.

Many flights come via Oahu (Honolulu Airport, code HNL) or Maui (Kahului Airport, code OGG), but some come direct to Kona from the mainland. There are direct flights from Oakland (OAK), San Francisco (SFO), Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles (LAX) and elsewhere. Airlines that fly into Kona are United, Delta, Hawaiian, and others. Many more airlines fly into Honolulu, and then you transfer to another flight or airlines to hop over to the Big Island.

**Rental cars:** You will *not* need a rental car during the time you are with our group. We’ll be traveling on field trips in two 7-passenger vans. If you should want to rent one anyway, or to have a car for time on the island before or after the course, we recommend this site for the best prices and reliable customer service: Discount Hawaii Car Rental. They don’t require a credit card deposit upon making reservations, and they work with all the rental companies, so you don’t need to search them all.

<http://www.discounthawaiicarrental.com>

Also contact Kat (kat@botanicaldimensions.org) if you have questions about particular needs. We can suggest a couple of relatively economical hotels or hostels in the Kailua-Kona area if you are coming in earlier or staying later than our dates. A list of what to bring (recommendations for clothes and gear) will be sent to you after your application and deposit have been confirmed.

We will strive to be classic naturalists in this course, and to use all our senses to pick up information and insights as we go. Please don’t plan on videotaping instructors or being online or texting during presentations...

**BE HERE NOW is the best advice for having an excellent adventure.**