

PEACE CORPS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20525

THAILAND TEFL PROGRAM
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Hilo, Hawaii will be the training site for this phase of the Thailand Program; however, a three day staging period will be held at the Escondido Development and Training Center in Escondido, California beginning Wednesday, February 12. Peace Corps registration, medical processing, orientation, and some assessment/selection will be conducted through February 14.

The proposed training schedule is as follows:

- Registration, medicals, etc.....February 12 - 14;
- Depart for training in Hawaii....February 15;
- Training in Hawaii.....February 16 - o/a May 6.

You will be informed of any change in this schedule.

REPORTING: You should arrange your schedule to arrive at the Training Center in Escondido by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 12. Trainees traveling by air will be ticketed into the San Diego Airport. There is Greyhound bus service from San Diego to Escondido at 6:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. and 12:15 P.M., arriving 45 minutes later. Your transportation from the Greyhound Terminal to the Escondido Training Center will be furnished. The Greyhound Bus Terminal is located at 1st Street and Broadway.

If you are unable to make arrangements to connect with one of these buses, you may travel a day early (Tuesday, February 11). There is Greyhound bus service leaving San Diego at 5:15 P.M., arriving at 6:00 P.M. Should you plan to arrive a day early, you should let the training site know so that they can arrange for your transportation. Bus fare from San Diego is approximately \$1.25.

DO NOT TAKE A TAXI FROM SAN DIEGO TO ESCONDIDO. THE FARE IS \$25.00 AND YOU WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED FOR THIS EXPENSE.

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BAGGAGE: Technically, the free baggage allowance for you is 44 pounds. Most domestic airlines base free baggage on the total dimensions (length plus width plus height) of each piece of luggage. This free allowance is:

- 1 piece of luggage total dimension 62 inches
- 1 piece of luggage total dimension 55 inches
- 1 carry-on bag which must fit under the airplane seat

These different allowances cause confusion when the airlines are processing passengers traveling to Hawaii on international tickets. Any deviation from the 44 pounds is at the airline's discretion.

From Hawaii to Thailand, your free baggage will be 44 pounds. The Peace Corps will also ship 115 pounds of air freight in a footlocker provided at the time you receive your clothing allowance. The footlocker weighs 30 pounds and you will have about 15 pounds of training materials. This leaves 70 pounds for personal effects.

If you bring 44 pounds of luggage, you will have no problems boarding the flight on the west coast. If you travel within the dimensional limitation, you may have some problem on the west coast although our experience has been that this never happens.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE TRAINING SITE: If you live within approximately 300 miles of Escondido, California, no ticket will be sent to you. You should purchase a bus ticket or coach train ticket and present the receipt for reimbursement when you register for training.

If you live within 300 to 500 miles of Escondido, you will be sent a bus ticket for your transportation to the training site.

If you live more than 500 miles from Escondido, you will be sent an airline ticket for transportation from the airport nearest your home to San Diego, California.

ALLOWANCES: You will receive a travel allowance of \$16.00 upon your arrival at the training site. This allowance is provided to cover miscellaneous expenses incurred in reporting for training-- taxis, meals, passport photos, etc. In addition to your lodging and meals during the staging period, you will receive \$1.00 per day for two days for personal expenses.

During your training period in Hawaii, lodging and meals will be provided and in addition, you will receive \$1.50 per day for personal expenses.

MAILING ADDRESS IN HAWAII:

Please have your personal mail addressed as follows:

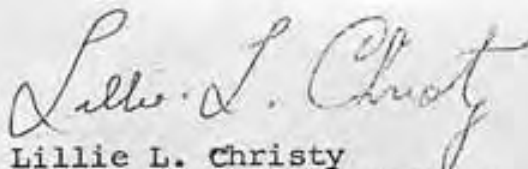
Name
Peace Corps Training Center
P.O. Box 856
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

SUGGESTED CLOTHING FOR WEAR IN HAWAII: List of clothing items enclosed.

Remember to bring your Social Security Card, extra photos, and a certified copy of any recent inoculations. It is important that you file your passport application before you report to Escondido. Also, if you have any military obligations, be sure to notify your draft board or reserve unit of your change of address.

If you have any questions before you leave for the training site, write the Administration Branch, Office of Volunteer Support, Thailand Program, Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. 20525. If you are not within 300 miles of the training site and have not received your airline or bus ticket by Friday, February 7, call me at the Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. The telephone number is Area Code 202, 382-1875; if after regular working hours, call 202, 393-3111 and ask for the Duty Officer.

Best wishes.


Lillie L. Christy
Volunteer Support Officer
Office of Volunteer Support

Enclosures

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