

FOHI VOLUNTEER MOMENTS



THE HOG ISLAND AUDUBON CAMP IS LOCATED IN MUSCONGUS BAY IN BREMEN, MAINE, AND IS PART OF THE TODD WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF HOG ISLAND

Friends of Hog Island (FOHI) became a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization in March 2010. It is made up of camp alumni, staff and former staff, and friends. Its mission is to preserve the legacy and support the conservation and nature programs and activities of Hog Island.

FOHI supports the Audubon Camp by providing volunteers, raising annual supplementary income, and raising an endowment, among other things.

Become part of the FOHI family and volunteer.

Visit our website for more information on volunteering and to sign up.



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WELCOME!

Welcome and thank you for giving so generously of your time to volunteer at Hog Island.

We promise that despite the hard work, you will always have wonderful memories of your stay on this magical island: the laughter, the staff, the campers, the sounds, the scenery, the sunsets, the fog, the lobster boats, the birds, the new friends, the food - all will become part of you.



FOHI volunteers make it all happen!

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

All volunteers are provided meals, shared accommodation, parking, and time to participate in a program field trip, space allowing. Volunteers are free to attend the evening lectures on island. We are on an island, so being flexible is key.

A typical day starts around 5:30 a.m. with coffee and ends about 9:30 p.m. after an evening lecture. It's a long day but full of excitement, energy, and learning for campers and volunteers alike. Days are shorter and more flexible during FOHI workweeks.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

During camp sessions - Volunteers work as a team to carry out the tasks that make the camp hum - everyone works in the kitchen. Tasks can be broken into three main areas while the camp is in session: Kitchen, Housekeeping, and Grounds and Building Maintenance. Other opportunities may exist in the store and with FOHI administrative tasks - throughout the year. Our *FOHI Volunteer Handbook* describes all the FOHI tasks at camp.

Kitchen - This is the heart of the camp and the most hectic. Long-lasting friendships are formed as you become part of a high-performing team. You'll help our chef, prepare and serve meals and do dishes, pots, and pans; take care of the dining room seeing that tables are set for each meal, that coffee is available, and the floor is swept.

Housekeeping - The main tasks are a daily clean of the bathroom facilities, sweep common areas in the buildings and generally see that the dorms look spiffy. Generally, a team of two is assigned a building to clean for the week.

Grounds and Building Maintenance - Keeping the buildings in good shape saves us money in the long run, so we try to keep on top of repairs. Light carpentry, painting, gardening, trail maintenance, and general repairs continue throughout the season. Time and skills permitting, volunteers will work with the Hog Island Manager and may do some boat maintenance.

During the three FOHI workweeks *only* volunteers are on the island. Two

workweeks are at the end of May to open the camp for campers. The third is in September and closes the camp for the winter.

Skilled volunteers are really welcome during these times as a lot of repairs require skills, e.g., carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc.

These weeks are hard work, but lots of fun, and volunteers have time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the island. Daily schedules are flexible and varied. A sunset sail or trip to Eastern Egg Rock is often included.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

After we bring you by boat to the island, we assign you a room. Then you take your bags and settle in. The FOHI Volunteer Coordinator, will greet you and have a short orientation meeting with all the volunteers for that session and assign tasks. Many volunteers are repeaters; others are newcomers.

If you're coming for a FOHI workweek, the same will apply except that tasks are posted on a "To-Do and Ta-Da" board. As each task is selected, it gradually moves to the Ta-Da" side of the board.

If it is your first time to the island, we'll take you on a short tour to familiarize you with the buildings and where to find things.

WHY BE A FOHI VOLUNTEER?

There are many reasons to be a FOHI volunteer. Foremost is that you are helping the camp be financially sustainable - the main goal of FOHI.

You will make life-long friends and spend time with leading ornithologists and conservation experts that you could not do elsewhere.

You will see Atlantic Puffins and Roseate and Arctic Terns (weather and date permitting) and go on field trips, space permitting.

You will learn new skills, eat great food, be part of a living history, laugh a lot, work hard and feel good as part of a team. You'll fall in love with the island.

You'll be part of the fabulous FOHI volunteer team that rocks!