

Thank you for expressing interest in InanItah. We're excited to hear from you!

InanItah is a young Eco-Spirit community, in the process of evolving social, ecological and economic structures. Together, with the help of volunteers and a crew of local Nicaraguans, many beautiful things have been created here and there is still much to be done. We love to connect with mutually supportive souls and to expand the evolution of humanity toward a communitarian way of life, a way of life that harmonizes nature with spirit.

We practice voluntary simplicity and conditions here are rustic: outdoor camping and open air roofed dormitory spaces, outdoor showers and outdoor latrine toilet. Cooking is done on both fire and gas stoves and we operate without refrigeration. There are affordable nearby places to rent if you need more comfort and amenities, and we sometimes have casitas available for a rental contribution.

We offer dynamic meditations and yoga during the weekdays, and hold a weekly sharing circle. We also host workshops and events that we invite you to be a part of!

We are excited to invite people to join us and to support us in co-creating a living and learning environment focused on the development of individual and collective consciousness. We are inviting people with the time and the desire to share and to learn: teachers and students, builders and gardeners, coordinators and communicators, organizers and artists, facilitators and celebrators.

We offer partial trade, co-creator, and internship opportunities, depending on previous experience as well as ability and willingness to make commitments and take on responsibility.

On the next page you will find a volunteer application. It is designed to let us know more about you, your experience, and your particular interests, desires and expectations. If you are responding to our request to fill a particular role, please highlight your experience in those areas.

Feel free to be yourself. Drop the thinking mind, and just let your response roll out. We look forward to hearing about you.

INANITAH VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Welcome to the volunteer application process at InanItah. We simply want to get to know you a bit better and open up a conversation so that we can decide together if there is a high possibility that we are good fit.

Basic info:

Name: _____ **Age:** _____
Native language & county of origin: _____ **Do you speak English and/or Spanish?** _____
When would you like to come? _____ **How long would you like to stay?** _____
Which volunteer role interests you: co-creator, intern, or partial trade volunteer?

Please choose either to respond to the following questions individually or to write 250 - 500 words addressing the topics raised in the questions.

What are your gifts and how do you anticipate using them to contribute?

What are you interested in learning and exploring?

Why are you interested in volunteering at InanItah?

What are your expectations and what do you hope to get out of your stay here?

What are your personal strengths and challenges?

What challenges do you expect to face living in community?

What is your level of overall health and physical fitness?

What is your relationship to alcohol, tobacco, and other mind-altering substances?

Do you follow a specific diet and/or have diet restrictions?

How do you choose to take care of your body, your mind and your soul?

Are you considering living long term in an intentional community such as InanItah?

What do you hope InanItah will offer now and in the future?

How did you hear about us?

Describe your experience of:

- Living in community
- Living in nature and off the grid
- Cooking for small or large groups
- Conflict resolution
- Consensus process
- Spiritual practice
- Holistic healing
- Permaculture and eco-village design
- Natural building
- Sustainable technologies
- Renewable energy systems
- Leadership and teambuilding
- Project and office management

Further Details about the Volunteer Program

We are not big fans of formalities around here. On the other hand, the reality is that we run into challenges over and over about communication. So, we hope that sharing this information with you in writing it will help us to be clear and make things go a little smoother.

New Volunteers

- As of November 1, 2012: Volunteer orientations happen on Thursdays; therefore new volunteer stays begin on Wednesday nights. You are welcome to stay as a visitor until your volunteer orientation happens. More information about coming as a visitor available on the Visiting page.

Returning Volunteers

- If you have volunteered with us before and are looking to come as a returning volunteer, we are generally more inclined to make space for you. Please help us out by contacting us early. We do fill up these days, especially during the dry season (November- May).

Arrival and Length of Stay

- Refer to the InanItah website for directions.
- Weekends at InanItah are relaxed and open, with fewer people onsite. If you prefer getting settled into a tranquil environment with a lot of freedom and more limited orientation support, consider arriving during a weekend and staying as a visitor for a few days. If you are someone who would enjoy receiving an in-depth orientation upon your arrival, consider coming on a Wednesday.
- Volunteer commitments are made a month at a time. If you want to stay longer and don't have another month to commit, you are welcome to stay as a visitor.

Workshop scholarships:

- Volunteers are eligible for a maximum of 1 week of workshop per month of volunteer stay. (To be clear: if you want to take more than 1 week of workshop per month during your volunteer stay, you need to stay as a visitor or extend your volunteer stay to balance the time spent in workshop with your volunteer contribution)
- There are no scholarships available for the Jungle Yoga Teacher Training.
- There are 4 volunteer scholarships available for each workshop, please be sure to inquire.
- The scholarship spots are available on a first come, first serve basis with your deposit.
- A workshop deposit secures your scholarship spot and your space in the workshop.
- If you participate in discounted series of workshops such as the Tantric Way, you may be eligible for either the discounted workshop series rate or the scholarship discount. Both discounts cannot be applied to the same workshop.
- Please be aware, workshop tuition is for the workshop only. In addition to your scholarship, you continue to only pay the volunteer rate for your stay while you are in the workshop.

Payment:

- Please arrive with your contribution in cash. Be aware that we are hours away from the nearest ATM machine and need to add 15% on all Paypal transactions (except on deposits). The additional charge covers our expenses for retrieving the money from paypal and bringing it here to the island.
- If you arrive later than your scheduled arrival date, we ask that you take financial responsibility for the full month.
- Volunteer contributions are made upon arrival for the full length of your commitment.

- As of November 1, 2012, we ask all volunteers for a Paypal deposit of \$75 to reserve your spot in the program.

Accommodation:

- Please keep in mind that InanItah is a place for people who are comfortable with rustic and simple lifestyle and enjoy living close to nature. Please read the accommodation page for more information.
- Most people who come here choose to camp in the dry season (Nov-May) and often in the wet season as well.
- If you would like to camp, please bring your own camping gear, including sleeping pad, otherwise you can rent a tent from us for \$1/day, if one is available.
- Casitas are sometimes available for an additional rental contribution.
- Please bring your own bedding—sleeping bag, blanket or sheets and a pillow if you need one.
- A list of other items that are often useful here is available at the bottom of our FAQ page.

Volunteer Accountability

- As a volunteer, you agree to certain responsibilities. We may take time out, occasionally, to review how we work, live, and play together. Please be aware there is a possibility for a change in the relationship between volunteers and InanItah.
- In addition to your regular work time responsibilities, volunteers are asked to participate in communal contributions to sustain the everyday needs of the community, such as watering the garden and helping to prepare and clean-up after communal meals.