

Groups' participation guide

What you need to know about the involvement of organized groups

Organized groups of visitors (e.g. scouts, students, clubs, undergraduates, etc.) have the opportunity to actively participate in "NEDA" project, helping the team of volunteers in some of the activities. The period the groups can participate is from 3 to 7 days (approximately 15 to 20 young participants). The maximum participation days are 7. With this way the groups will have the opportunity to acquire not only theoretical but also practical knowledge about sea turtles, the risks they face and the conservation methods.

The groups participate in activities such as morning surveys and locating nests, protecting and marking nests and shade them when it's necessary, nests' excavation, beach patrols in order to raise bather's awareness, maintenance of the equipment. At the beginning of their participation, they will attend a presentation for the protection of sea turtles at the Environmental Station of Agiannakis and a tour at the coastal forest of Elaia. The participation of the group in the activities of fieldwork depends on the needs of the project and the average age of the participants of the group. The participation is always done in consultation with the field leaders of the project. Members of the group must be able to communicate in English because the leaders might be English speakers.

Groups interested in participating in "NEDA" project are requested to plan their visit first with ARCHELON headquarters in Athens, email: volunteers@archelon.gr (volunteer officer, Mrs. Theoni Karkoulia) or tel: (0030) 210 5231342. Please make sure you inform the project Coordinator of Peloponnese, Mrs. Panagiota Theodorou (email: pelop@archelon.gr, tel: (0030) 6951 009 785) for the approximate time of arrival.

The groups should better stay at the same camping with main ARCHELON project. However, the groups will be placed in a separate area from the other ARCHELON's volunteers. Please note that groups have the responsibility to find and reserve their stay during the days of their participation in the project. Please note that ARCHELON is unable to make such agreements and reservations. Below you can find the contact details for Apollo Village camping where ARCHELON project is placed.

Apollo Village camping
Pyrgos – Kyparissia highway
Giannitsochori, Postal Code 27054
Municipality of Zaharo, Ilia
Tel & Fax: (0030) 26250 61200

Bear in mind that it is absolutely necessary and obligatory the groups to have at least one group leader who will be responsible for the safety of the group and the organization of the visit. The groups will cover the accommodation cost, the personal expenses and food expenses along with travel costs, local transport and insurance, as ARCHELON is unable to offer any kind of compensation. For the participation the groups need to cover a symbolic fee of 100€ per group (regardless the amount of days of participation) and they need to send this within a month after they have been accepted in the project, otherwise their booking is not confirmed and it will automatically be cancelled.