



Oahu 4-H News

"4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills."

August 2005

Oahu 4-H Youth Development Program

President's Message

Aloha Everyone!

As the 2004-2005 4-H year draws to an end, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the agents, leaders, volunteers, members and Executive Board for their contributions in making this a great year. Your unselfish efforts and continued support and guidance has provided the membership with numerous opportunities to learn, develop, and grow as well as strengthen our 4-H organization. Each individual's contribution towards working together played an integral part in making this year a wonderful experience for our members.

As President, I have learned the importance of good communication, commitment, and cooperation in making our Ohana stronger. It has been a tremendous experience in which I was afforded the opportunity to "learn by doing" while being supported and guided throughout the process. I thank each of you for your patience, advice, and efforts in assisting me as I learned and developed throughout the year. Special thanks to Uncle Steve, Aunty Gail, Jana, and my mom for their efforts and excellent advice as they guided me while allowing me to make my own decisions, assume responsibilities, and become accountable for my actions.

Although I was unable to achieve all my goals, I hope I provided the organization with the necessary leadership to make 4-H fun while giving the members the necessary experiences in order to learn and grow. I would like to welcome the seven new clubs to our 4-H Ohana and hope you take advantage of the wonderful opportunities 4-H offers.

Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful learning experience that I will reflect on for the rest of my life. I wish Hannah Wong and the Executive Board the best in making 2005-2006 the greatest 4-H year!

Mahalo nui loa!

Amber

Calendar of Events

AUGUST



- 5-7 Farm Fair at Kapolei
- 11 Hawaii 4-H Alumni Meeting, Waialae Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Holiday: Statehood Day
- 19 Volunteer Training and Dinner (see article below)
- 23 4-H At the Mall, Uptown Pearlridge, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Please contact Maryknoll if you can assist)
- 26 Due: 4-H Survey to Hannah



SEPTEMBER

- 5 Holiday: Labor Day
- 10-11 Executive Board Officer's retreat at Camp Erdman
- TBA Oahu 4-H Council meeting

Upcoming Oahu Events

Ready, Set, Go Training!

The Operation Military Kids (OMK) Hawaii team will be sponsoring a deployment awareness training for staff and volunteers who work with young people to help them understand what children experience while their parents are deployed. The training will be held on Thursday, August 16, 8 am – 12 noon at the Boys and Girls Club facility in Honolulu (Waiola Street next to Washington Middle School). Any 4-H volunteer may also attend. Please call C. Nakatsuka at 956-7196 if you are interested in attending.

Claire Nakatsuka

Reminder! - Volunteer Training and Dinner

Don't forget our volunteer training and dinner on Friday, August 19, 2005 at UGC starting at 6 p.m. We will focus upon hands-on cooking, record books, and the experiential learning model. Anything else? A hui hou!

Maryknoll Spotkaeff

NRA to Sponsor 2005 Youth Wildlife Art Contest

The National Rifle Association (NRA) is now accepting entries for its 2005 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest, the 18th in the annual series, is open to students in grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children). NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 3, 2005.

Entries may be submitted in one of four categories, based on school grade. Category I includes grades 1 through 3. Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Call (703) 267-1531 if you need to confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible.

Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.). Submissions should be on good quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for the image are 8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 14"; matting is optional. Entries need not be framed.

Composition must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from an existing photograph or work of art will be disqualified.

Entries must arrive at NRA by October 3, 2005, and must be accompanied by a brief statement signed by the student's parent, guardian, or teacher attesting to the originality of the work and verifying the artist's grade level as of October 3, 2005. In addition, the artist's name, home address, phone number, age, and grade must be printed on the back of the entry or on a note attached to the back of the entry.

Entries will be judged on effort, creativity, anatomical accuracy, and composition. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners.

NRA...Youth Wildlife Art Contest (cont'd)

Send entries to: NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NRA assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves all rights to reproduce entries. The immediate families of NRA staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to Karen Harris (703) 267-1531.

Steve Nagano

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| <p><i>Congratulations...4-H'ers and Volunteers</i></p> |
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Senior Record Book Results Are All In

Thank you to all the members who worked hard and diligently to put together their record books this year. At the Achievement Banquet in July, we displayed all the record books that were judged and all were presented with ribbons. However, two senior books had to be re-judged and here are the results. Joli Umetsu was awarded a blue ribbon for her senior portfolio. Kristen Kohashi was awarded a purple ribbon for her senior record book. Kristen's book was considered very highly by the judges for originality.

Steve Nagano

2004-2005 Outstanding Educators

We are honored to have two former 4-H leaders and one 4-H parent from Oahu being saluted as the 2004-2005 recipients of the Outstanding Educator Award from Oceanic Time Warner Cable and Pizza Hut. There were 22 individuals selected from faculty from each of the Oahu public high schools. They distinguished themselves by their inspired service to their students and the academic community. We salute our former 4-H leaders, Judy Sakuoka (Leilehua HS and leader for the Lehua 4-H Club) and Colleen Yamashiroya (McKinley HS and leader for the Pearl City Rainbows 4-H Club). Our 4-H parent is Liane Voss (Moanalua HS and parent with the Warriors 4-H Club).

2004-2005 Outstanding Educators (cont'd)

Congratulations to all of you for sharing your skills and talents in and out of the classroom.

(per The Honolulu Advertiser, July 24, 2005)

Steve Nagano

2005 Hawaii State 4-H Livestock Show

Thank you for being so patient. However, we have not received the results for the state livestock show held in June at Kualoa Ranch. Check back with us next month.

Steve Nagano

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| <p><i>Past Events</i></p> |
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**4-H Robots Display Game Skills**

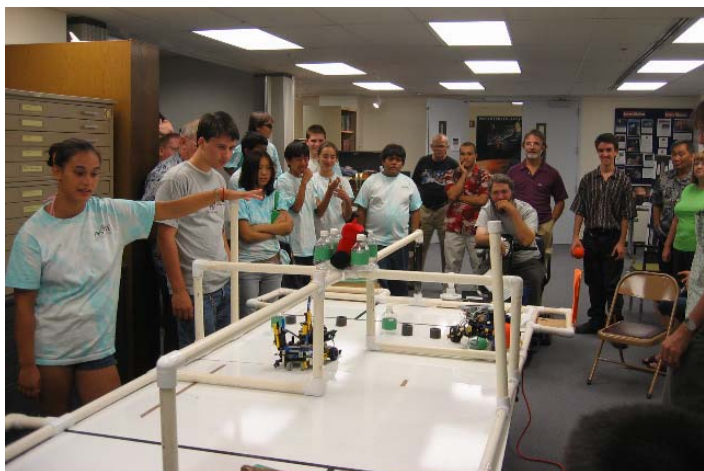
The crowd gathered around the game board, eyes fixed on Twiga's Lego arm. Would the robot knock the orange ball to the ground? Whoosh! Twiga's arm pushed the ball off the pipe, where it bounced into our side of the game board. So began a robotics demonstration by the 4-H Hawaii Homeschool Botniks, presented to an audience of 35 at the University of Hawaii on June 27, 2005. The program was part of the Space Lectures series sponsored by NASA Pacific Regional Planetary Data Center.

Our robotics team is made up of 13 homeschoolers, aged 11 to 17, who competed in the Second Hawaii Regional Botball Tournament, part of a nation-wide competition for middle school and high school teams. Over eight weeks, we built and programmed two robots to find and move balls, recyclables and Botguy (a stuffed toy). Remote controls and human intervention during the game were not allowed. We programmed the bots to start, stop and complete tasks on their own. Teams were judged on the robots' performance and team website and documentation. The Botniks finished 12th out of a field of 26 entries. We used a Powerpoint presentation on the 27th to explain the programming, building and documentation

4-H Robots Display Game Skills (cont'd)

process. Botball was a fun experience which helped us develop technical, teamwork and project management skills. A big mahalo goes out to our coaches: homeschooling parents Eric Pilger, Rodney Krienke, and Mike Doane, and to our sponsors: the Hawaii section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and individuals from the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology. For more information on Botball, see <http://www.botball.org>

To see our team website (with photos and more), check out <http://www.botball.org/teams-only/public/index.html?tcode=05-0014>



“Twiga,” of the Hawaii Homeschool Botniks, probing with her long neck and arm, seeks to topple Botguy (center, in red plush) from his PVC perch.

Emily Lau
Hawaii Homeschool Botniks 4-H Club

RTM Design Team Takes Part in Summer Training Programs

Design team member Reina Horikawa joined Agent Claire Nakatsuka in sharing the Read to Me project at the Army Youth Leadership Forum at Kilauea Military Camp during the last weekend in June. Teens from Alaska, Japan and Hawaii learned to create storybook aprons as part of their service-learning training and then shared their stories with the children at Waiakea Pre-School and YMCA. The

RTM...Summer Training Programs (cont'd)

teens will also continue to share their stories in their communities upon their return home.

A few days later design team members Janice Motoshige and Reina Horikawa led a training workshop at the Read to Me International Literacy Conference at the Hawaii Convention Center. Educators and others interested in literacy programs had a chance to learn about the 4-H program's efforts in getting young people to read aloud to young children.


Mahalo RTM design members for continuing to share the love of reading aloud in the community!

Claire Nakatsuka

More Hero Pack News...

Assets School students and teens from Kama'aina Kids' Spirit program have joined the efforts of assembling 4-H Hero Packs for children of deployed soldiers. The Assets School students contributed by writing letters to the children. The teens from Kama'aina Kids not only wrote letters but spent an afternoon assembling the packs themselves. About 250 of the 500 packs are now complete. The Kama'aina Kids teens will spend another afternoon to complete the remaining 250 packs but letters are still needed. If clubs are interested in helping with the letter writing effort, please call C. Nakatsuka at 956-7196 or email nakatsuk@hawaii.edu. The goal is to get the 500 packs to the family support groups of the Army Reserves and National Guard units in August.

Claire Nakatsuka


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Oahu 4-H News Articles Needed!

If any of you or your 4-H club members have done something special or received some special recognition, whether through 4-H, school, or the community, we'd like to share the news through this newsletter! Please send us newspaper clippings, photos, digitals, and articles by the 20th of each month to my e-mail or business address:

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Brittany Chang
 Pot of Gold 4-H Club
 Oahu 4-H Council Historian



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If you have a disability and require special assistance during any of our planned 4-H activities, please call the applicable County Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent 2 weeks prior to the event.