Welcome to Oahu 4-H’s online newsletter!

April 2012

President’s Message

Aloha 4-H Leaders, Members, and Parents,

What an awesome Food Show! Congratulations to all participants for their hard work in creating tasty vegetarian, local, and Kraft recipes. Participating in events like these help our 4-Hers learn life skills such as perseverance and nutrition. Mahalo to parents and volunteers that helped make this event successful.

Would you like to be on the Executive Board? If you are a 4-Her in the 7th grade or above, or know anyone who is, we ask you to look into an Exec Board officer position for next year. You’ll be helping the community, and building life skills. If you are interested, contact Jake Lockwood, and elections will be held at the May council meeting. All candidates must attend the May meeting.

Next on the calendar is the Fashion Show, which will be Saturday, April 28, at the UH art auditorium. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in their creative garments.

May the odds be ever in your favor.

Aloha,

Farin Fukunaga

Upcoming Events

April

***Month of the Military Child***

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Oahu Events

Election Season

Hey everybody, this is your executive board VP Jake Lockwood just writing to remind you that it’s Exec. Board elections season and it’s time to start getting those nominations in. Remember every
nominee must submit a statement of his or her qualifications to me by the last Saturday in April. If you have any questions about elections in general or if you would like to submit a statement, please contact me at spider.jake@yahoo.com. Thank you and good luck.

Jacob Lockwood

39th Annual Oahu 4-H Food Show Results

Congratulations to the 2012 Food Show Winners -

**President's Award**
- Clover bud- Maddison Hatanaka - Farrington FCCLA
- Junior- Karalyn Lum - Warriors
- Intermediate- Elyana Cedillo, Micah Dunn, Madison Helmer - AMR MST Cook Club
- Senior- Evan Hashizume - Cloverkids

**Ardis Tanaka Scholarship**
- Vegetarian- Malia Nishimura - Spartans
- Kraft Food- Viangca Cleopas - Farrington FCCLA
- Local Food- Jonah Saribay - Farrington FCCLA

**Kraft Foods Hawaii Scholarships**
- $500- Dominic Nguyen - Farrington FCCLA
- $250- Jacob Lockwood - Keyblade Bearers

**Top in Show- Senior Division**
- Farin Fukunaga - Warriors

**Krafts Food Club Incentive Awards**
- Participation/Recruitment- $100
  - Keyblade Bearers
  - Spartans
  - Farrington FCCLA
- Recruitment- $50
  - Pu‘ohala
- Participation- $50
  - Cloverkids
  - Just Us
  - Warriors

Portfolio/Record books

It’s getting to the end of the 4-H year and those senior 4-Hers who are interested in filling out the portfolio to compete for the National 4-H Congress trip that is due to my office on May 15th. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the completion of the portfolio and resume’. The completion of the cloverbud, junior and senior recordbooks are due June 15th to my office.

Rose Saito

Western Regional Leaders Forum 2013

The Western Regional Leaders Forum will be happening here at the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Spa Hotel, March 21 – 24, 2013. We are looking for 4-H leaders or other resources in the community who would like to do 1 ½ hour workshops related to subjects applicable to 4-H youth.
or to various cultural topics Hawaii has to offer. We are expecting about 500 people. Please go to the Hawaii State 4-H webpage and the “Call for Proposal” is listed under the WRLF page. http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4H/wrlf.htm Fill the application and turn it in by May 15th. Any questions please call Rose at 622 4185.

Communications Fair

The Fashion Show, Photography and 2D Art contests will be on April 28, 2012 at the Art Auditorium on the University Campus. The due date for entries is April 13th. Please use the club registration form to submit the entries along with the photos and 2D art work. We are looking forward to a Fashion Show featuring the colors of the seasons. Please visit the Oahu County web page for the information and registration forms on the Communication Fair. http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/Oahu/FashionRevue/index.html. Hope to see many of participating in the various contests.

Rose Saito

4-H Project Spotlight

This is a 4-H resource that has been around for awhile. Public Adventures is an active citizenship curriculum for youth.

Appropriate for Middle School aged audience. Youth become "Special OPPortunities Agents," as they follow a series of exciting activities that engage youth in their community & allow them to reflect on their experiences.

Check out this resource which is available for loan from the Urban Garden Center office (please check them out with Bea). Copies also can be purchased from the National 4-H Mall.

Military 4-Hers Attend “Gene-ius Day” at UH Mānoa

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at UH Manoa is home to not only 4-H Youth Development, but also another program called the BioTech Outreach Program. The BioTech Outreach Program have been conducting Gene-ius Day field trips for many years. It is a great opportunity for youth (typically 3-5th graders) to try out being a scientist for a day.

Military 4-Hers from Schofield School Age, Helemano School Age, Fort Shafter Youth Center, Hickam School Age and Catlin Clubhouse all participated in Gene-ius Day on March 26.

Prior to coming to UH campus, Military 4-H coordinator Carmen Golay visited each site and read the youth a story about DNA provided by the BioTech Outreach Program. The small groups were great to work with and youth came to the field trip eager and prepared to engage and learn.

Youth work in the lab to extract DNA from a papaya, solve a crime using forensics, and learn about the importance of DNA to successful agriculture through interactive storytelling.

4-Hers ate lunch on campus and then eat site had the opportunity to share with others what they have been doing in their clubs.

Carmen Golay

Purple Up for Military Kids – April 13, 2012

Please don’t forget to wear purple on April 13th. Join us in this nationwide Operation: Military Kids effort to show our support to military children.
Wherever you are and whatever you do on April 13th, please remember to wear purple and support military kids!

Kiki Yoshimoto

OMK Flash Mob

Thanks to Hyper Squad Dance Studio, Ms. East Oahu 2012 Serena Kamagy, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Teen Center, Walmart, Safeway and the Nanakuli Boys and Girls Club Tech Crew, over 60 military teens gathered for a fun filled day of “Up For The Challenge” nutrition stations and physical activity. After the teens taught each other about healthy eating behaviors, the Hyper Squad Dance crew led the group in an energetic dance routine that paid tribute to military personnel and military children. The group danced for two hours!

The following Saturday, the dance squad and teens held their first OMK Flash Mob at the Hickam Base exchange. The crowd and BX management got so excited that the group was asked to perform twice with onlookers joining in during the second performance.

Be on the lookout for more appearances by our OMK Flash Mob dancers!

Claire Nakatsuka

Achievement and Volunteer Recognition Banquet

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Price, time, and location to be determined. More information to be sent directly to 4-H club leaders and in future newsletters. Warriors 4-H club to chair.

Other Opportunities

Keep American Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup
March 1 to May 31

Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup, the nation’s largest annual community improvement program, brings the power of 3.8 million volunteers and participants to create local change. There are nearly 1,000 Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup participating organizations from coast to coast ... and internationally. Find the Great American Cleanup participating organization near you or learn how to organize your own Great American Cleanup event. http://bit.ly/z1OHz4

Global Youth Service Day

In just 50 days, millions of children, teens, and young adults, ages 5-25, in over 100 countries on 6 continents will change the world on Global Youth Service Day.

Youth will serve, educate, advocate, and give to address critical issues including health, education, environment, hunger, poverty, disaster preparedness and response, and human rights.

What problem are you solving? How are you engaging young people in service? Will you commit to telling the world about your service and the power of youth to change the world on Global Youth Service Day - April 20-22, 2012?

Learn more, get planning resources, and register your GYSD project or event at www.GYSD.org
Earth Day: Mobilize the Earth

Environmental issues have taken a backseat for world leaders, but the world can't wait. Earth Day 2012 is the catalyst to reignite the movement and make them take notice. Rally. March. Vote. Petition... Join the mobilization on April 22nd. Earth Day is celebrated every year by a billion people and in virtually every country on the planet - the largest civic observance in the world. This year, we'll harness that power. Momentum is already building, with huge events planned in cities around the world. Students can join MobilizeU, an international movement of student environmental activists organizing for Earth Day 2012! (Earth Day - April 22 - coincides with Global Youth Service Day - April 20-22. YSA encourages joint Earth Day and GYSD projects.)


Special Olympics Project Unify Grants
Deadline: Rolling through May 31

The goal of Project UNIFY is to activate youth around the country to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity, and advocacy with and for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics. To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 12 to 20, or a current undergraduate student in college. A Special Olympics North America program is required to be your main partner organization. Projects must demonstrate the core essence of service-learning. Budgets for projects can range from $100 to $5,000. http://bit.ly/wQUgJV

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes
Deadline: April 30

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2012 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron in honor of his mother, celebrates outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18. Each year, the Barron Prize honors inspiring young people who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Ten winners each receive $2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit http://bit.ly/edhitj

State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants
Deadline: May 4

If you are involved with an organization or school and have a great idea for a service-learning project to impact student achievement in YOUR community, apply for a State Farm YAB National Grant. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between $25,000 and $100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to Higher Education / Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy; Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness; Social Health & Wellness Issues; and Environmental Responsibility. http://bit.ly/yM17gZ

4-H Power of Youth
For additional articles on 4-H youth development nationwide, check out the National 4-H Power of Youth here: http://www.4-h.org/about/news-press-room/power-of-youth/

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 two weeks prior to the event.

We welcome your story ideas. Please e-mail them to nakatsuk@hawaii.edu