Welcome to Oahu 4-H's online newsletter!

June 2012

President’s Message

Aloha 4-H Leaders, Members, and Parents,

The 4-H year is winding down, but it’s not over yet! Still left on the calendar are record books and the Achievement Banquet. Both are great activities to reflect on the past year.

Elections where held in May and many new faces were selected for the Executive Board. Erin Voss will be our new president. I’ve known Erin since our Cloverbud days and I’m sure she’ll do a great job. Congratulations to our new officers!

Enjoy your summer!

Aloha,

Farin Fukunaga

Upcoming Events

JUNE

3  Executive Board Meeting with New Board Members @ UGC, 3pm
4  RSVP due for Oahu 4-H Achievement
6  Record Books Due
18-22 OMK Youth Camp @ American Samoa
23  Oahu 4-H Achievement, place and time TBD
25-28 Hawaii Military Adventure Camp @ Camp Erdman

JULY

3  OMK Team Meeting @ UGC, 9am
7-8  Hawaii Farm Fair @ Kualoa Ranch
9-12 Hawaii Military Adventure Camp @ Camp Erdman
16-19  TRY conference @ UH Manoa
16-19 National Mentoring Program Training @ UH Manoa
26  OMK Day Camp @ USS Missouri

Oahu Events

Officer Election

Hi everyone, this is your Vice President Jake Lockwood, here to bring you the names of your new officers for the year 2012-2013. And your new officers are (drum roll please)...

President: Erin Voss
Vice President: Kathleen Corpuz
Secretary: Amy Peria
Treasurer: Farin Fukunaga
Historian: Leichelle Rabago
Sergeant-at-arms: Sasha Callistro

Congratulations to all of our new officers, we wish you luck on the year ahead and we know that you will do good by this organization.

Jacob Lockwood
Outgoing Vice President

Military Teens...These Camps Are For You!

We are seeking participants for two Hawaii Adventure Camps that will be held at Camp Erdman (Hawaii) this summer. Camp dates are June 25-28 and July 9-12 and both camps are open to any military teen in Hawaii or the Pacific Rim, 14-18 years old.

Each camp will offer a unique outdoor experience that will allow campers to build leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork skills while participating in activities like hiking, surfing and archery. Mindfulness activities are planned at the camp to help youth develop skills to deal with stress. (“Mindfulness is the ability to focus on the present moment with acceptance, which resonates with aloha literally means “presence in the breath”). Participation in the Hawaii Adventure Camp will enhance problem solving, self-responsibility and decision making skills, as well as provide youth with an opportunity to form strong connections with other military youth from the Pacific Rim region.

Both camps will have a maximum of 40 teens. To reserve a spot, teens must complete an application with all of the required information and documents plus send in a $25 deposit. This is on a first come first served basis.

Funding for Military Teen Adventure Camps has been made available through a partnership between the Department of Defense, Office of Military Community & Family Policy and the United States Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food & Agriculture. Besides covering registration and activity fees for all campers, there is also funding to cover transportation costs for military youth in the pacific rim and on the neighbor islands of Hawaii. (Teens from the Pacific Rim will be designated for up to $1000 travel stipend to cover fare. Grant funds will cover travel cost for neighbor island participants up to $250. Once officially accepted as a camper, parents will be responsible for booking the flights for the teen, and UH will reimburse them up to $1000 or $250. They will need to send the receipt for their child’s bookings to get reimbursed. Parents will also need to check the airline policy about unaccompanied minors.) Ground transportation to Camp Erdman will be provided for all campers.

Applications and all other required forms are due 4 weeks before the camp start date. Applications for the Hawaii camps should be sent to:

Dr. Thao N. Le
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
2515 Campus Rd, Miller Hall 201
Honolulu, HI 96822

For more information on the Hawaii Adventure Camp, call 956-2256 or email HawaiiAdventureCamp@yahoo.com
http://hawaiiadventurecamp.webs.com/
Please also note: 11 other states have been selected to offer Adventure Camps as well which are being offered between April 2012 through March 2013. For more information about these opportunities, check out http://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campshome.html

Claire Nakatsuka

OMK Ohana Camp

Save The Date! Hawaii Operation: Military Kids in collaboration with YMCA Camp Erdman will be hosting the year's second OMK and OSD (Office of the Secretary of Defense) Family Camp. The OMK Ohana Camp, which will be held on August 10-12 at Camp Erdman on the North Shore of Oahu, is a family strengthening camp for Guard and Reserve families in all phases of the deployment cycle. Campers will have the opportunity to spend quality family time together, meet other Guard and Reserve families, build essential life skills and enjoy the recreational activities the campsite has to offer.

Hawaii OMK camps are intended to provide much needed time for families to connect before an impending deployment, during or after the return of the loved service member. Meals, lodging and all activities are paid for by partnerships of the DoD so we are able to offer the camp at an affordable rate of only $20 per person. Some activities offered at camp include archery, swimming, hiking, climbing wall, ropes course, alpine tower, campfire and keiki-only groups.

Registration for the OMK Ohana Camp will open on June 15, 2012 and will remain open until all slots are filled. Eligible families must have at least one child between the ages of 5-17; younger siblings welcomed. Families must also be in the deployment cycle. Pre and Post-Deployment families must be within 1 year of service member's deploying date or within 1 year of service member's return. For general inquiries please call 956-4125 or email omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu. To apply, please visit the Hawaii OMK website for all registration forms http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/OMK/education.htm

Kiki Yoshimoto

New Operation: Military Kids Tech Discovery Curriculum Released

The new Operation: Military Kids (OMK) Tech Discovery Curriculum is designed for 5th-12th grade Military youth from all branches of service and is focused on developing life skills and increased resiliency that will help lessen issues related to having a parent or loved one in the deployment cycle. These educational experiences are designed to be delivered in group learning environments utilizing experiential learning methodology. This new curriculum is a great resource to youth development programs such as OMK, Yellow Ribbon, camps focused on military children and youth, Family Readiness Groups, etc.

Developed by Land Grant University youth development faculty as a response to the expressed needs of military youth serving professionals, this curriculum helps military youth successfully navigate through the deployment cycle. Lessons in this curriculum meet national science standards as well as involving youth in inquiry based learning. The curriculum includes an on-line volunteer training with modules introducing military culture, the emotional cycle of deployment, ages and stages of youth development and the experiential learning model.

The curriculum includes 20 youth educational experiences that focus on building youth skills in Communication, Teamwork, Self Responsibility, Decision Making and Problem Solving while at
the same time supporting enhancement of youth resilience in their emotional, social, family and spiritual (their set of beliefs and values that give them strength) realms. These activity plans are only available on-line at http://www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/p.aspx?tabid=181. If you will be delivering these educational experiences with military youth, there is a tool kit with most of the durable goods needed to implement the experiences. You will need to contact your state OMK Project Coordinator Kiki Yoshimoto at 956-4125 to schedule the use of the tool kit.

Please note that many of these lessons involve a technical context, so volunteers or staff leading the activities will need a fair amount of planning and preparation time.

The OMK Tech Discovery Curriculum was developed at the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development through a partnership of the Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy, Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth and the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Institute of Youth, Family and Community, 4-H National Headquarters under Kansas State University special project number 2010-48713-21882.

4-H Project Spotlight

Although Agriculture has traditionally been defined by the production of plants and animals, today, science and technology have added new areas of research, and investigation to the agriculture field. The 4-H AgriScience curriculum has been created to cultivate the emerging study of biotechnology and business/economics in the agriculture industry through hands-on experiential learning activities for youth. And the best thing is that this curriculum is available online for free at: http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/agriscience/

National 4-H Hall of Fame Opportunity

This year the National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force of NAE4-HA would like to offer two 4-H youth the opportunity to play a unique role in the 2012 Hall of Fame Ceremony which will be held on October 12, 2012 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

A Youth Master of Ceremonies and a Youth Entertainer will be selected to assist with the National Hall of Fame Ceremony. Details on how to apply are provided on the respective applications. Final applications are due on July 15th, 2012. For an application form, please contact your 4-H agent.

Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact Pam Van Horn at pvanhom@ksu.edu or Cheryl Varnadoe at cv4h@uga.edu

Other Opportunities

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/wQUgV
Afterschool Awards (Scholarship)
Deadline: June 25

The Afterschool Awards is a nationwide contest spotlighting after school achievements for Elementary, Middle School and Junior High students. IZOD, JCPenney and NOW Music have teamed up to bring students a chance to turn their afterschool passion into cash for their future education. Students are invited to enter Afterschool Awards between now and June 25th for a chance to win up to $10,000 in scholarship money! Students can enter in up to four categories: Sports, Community Service, Science and Music & Arts to show everyone what they've got going on after the bell rings! Last year's winners were a wave-catching surfer, a fund-raising philanthropist, a star mathlete and a pop-lock dancer!  http://bit.ly/I3bGtP

Prom For All (through June 22)

A quarter of American families can't afford to send their teenagers to prom. Your fabulous dress could be another girl's ticket to a dream night. DoSomething.org wants to activate 100,000 young people to collect thousands of dresses for girls who couldn't otherwise afford to go to prom. Clean out your closet and donate your gently used dresses to girls in need. Tell us about the awesome stuff you did by June 22 so you can be in the running for a limo ride with your friends! Get 5 of your friends involved by entering their numbers below and you could win a $2,000 scholarship. http://dsorg.us/1cAFwf

4th Annual Clifford Be Big In Your Community Contest
Deadline: June 22

BE BIG™ is a national campaign that invites everyone, big and small, to take action and raise awareness for how Clifford's BIG Ideas (Share, Be Kind, Help Others, Be a Good Friend, Play Fair, Have Respect, Be Truthful, Believe in Yourself, Work Together and Be Responsible) can make the world a better place. As part of the BE BIG campaign, the contest will award $10,000 in community grants (one $5,000 grant and five $1,000 grants) to the BIGGEST ideas that best demonstrate Clifford's BIG Ideas! Scholastic and HandsOn Network will work with the winners to bring their Big Ideas to life! Parents, kids, teachers, and community leaders are invited to submit their ideas. http://bit.ly/eSU7Om

NASA Earth Day Video Contest 2012

To mark Earth Day 2012, NASA presents the Earth Day Video Contest 2012. For the second year in a row, NASA is challenging the public to create a compelling video vision of NASA's exploration of Earth -- The Home Frontier.

To enter, produce a short video that captures what you find inspiring and important about the unique view and understanding of Earth provided by NASA science. Upload your video to YouTube and tag it using the instructions found on the contest website. NASA will feature the best entry -- chosen by a panel of NASA scientists and communicators -- on the NASA website. And, the winner will receive a behind-the-scenes look at the next rocket launch of a NASA Earth-observing satellite.

Submissions will be accepted until May 31, 2012.

Banking on Youth Competition
Deadline: June 10

The Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) Foundation and Ashoka's Youth Venture bring you the Banking on Youth competition! Banking on Youth is an exciting opportunity to showcase your
great idea for a venture that directly benefits society. If you are age 13-20, show your venture idea through a creative and fun 90-second video and entry form to compete to win one of 49 different $1,000 seed money prizes provided by sponsoring banks to bring your idea to life. The top six entrants, chosen by the CBA Foundation and Youth Venture, will win an all-expenses-paid trip to the annual Global Youth Venture Summit in Washington, D.C. in July to compete in a “pitch-off” for the chance to win the Audience Choice Award of $5,000 or the grand prize of $15,000! http://bit.ly/JhSDtR

**Best Buy Community Grants**
**Deadline: July 1**

Through the Community Grants program, Best Buy teams across the United States select non-profit organizations that give teens access to opportunities through technology to help them excel in school and develop 21st century skills. This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation will give $2.8 million in Community Grants. Grant amounts will average $4,000 - $6,000 and will not exceed $10,000. Best Buy seeks applications from 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and public agencies that have tax-exempt status and are giving teens access to opportunities through technology. Location must be within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or other Best Buy center of operations (e.g., corporate headquarters) to allow for Best Buy employee volunteers. http://bit.ly/JzSi5S

**Home Depot Community Impact Grants**
**Deadline: August 13**

Grants, up to $5,000, are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications, and weatherization work. Once grant applications are reviewed, all applicants will receive a written response within six weeks of receipt of a request. http://bit.ly/eIlisST

**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