Oahu 4-H Newsletter
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February
4&11 Babysitting Workshop for Military Youth
   Schofield Barracks Bennett Youth Center, 4-7 pm
16 STEM-tastic Fun! Day Camp (site TBD)
21 Army Guard TLC (Teen Leadership Camp)-YMCA Camp Erdman
   Oahu 4-H Executive Board Meeting

March
2   WRLF #3
5   Nutrition workshop
26  OMK Money Matters Workshop

President’s Message

Aloha 4-H’ers! The Executive Board members recently met to plan for the remainder of the
year. We want to get some feedback as to what the clubs are interested in participating in. We
are asking that club leaders go to this site and take part in our poll. (survey monkey url to be
inserted) We kindly ask that all leaders respond by Feb. 20 as this will help us finalize our plans
for the year. Mahalo!

Shaina Acosta

Oahu 4-H Fashion Revue

Are you registered to participate in this year’s “Garment-Recycled Runway”? We sure hope so
as it sounds like a fun time!

Where: Farrington High School Cafeteria
When: February 15, 2015
Time: 1PM-4PM
Agenda:
   Registration- 1-1:30PM
   Presentation Workshop- 1:30-2PM
   Build to Save Garments - 2-3:10PM
   Mini Fashion Show- 3:10-3:40PM
   Awarding & Closing- 3:40-4PM
   Clean up
For those of you who missed out on session one of the 2015 WRLF, here is your second chance to take part in a great training!

A recording of the session can be viewed at:

Recording of E-session One - MediaSpace Video
Parliamentary Procedure Basics - YouTube Video

The second and third sessions are scheduled for:

Thursday, Feb 12, 2015 (4:30 - 6:30 pm Hawaii Time)

*Widening the Circle: Special Connections*

Monday, Mar 2, 2015 (4:30 - 6:30 pm Hawaii Time)

*Youth Connecting in Your Community*

Thursday, February 12, 4:30 – 8:00 (HST) join 14 states, territories and provinces for WRLF e-session 2: “*Widening the Circle: Special Connections.*” Be inspired by 4-H alum, Temple Grandin (Colorado State University) as she talks about her childhood experience learning with autism and her international influence on the livestock industry as an adult. Kathryn King, from “Kids Included Together” will get us involved, and help us practice skills and gain confidence for working with youth with physical, social, and learning disabilities. We will learn how to adapt learning activities for every youth interested in being with their friends in 4-H. We can broaden our reach…widen our circle…. For more information about the Feb. 12, go to: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015

Since no one signed up to participate in the hosted “community viewing session” at the Urban Garden Center, we will not be hosting those sessions. Check the WRLF website http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015 for recordings of the 2nd and 3rd sessions. The handouts are also available from the website.

Fellow 4-H club leaders from the Big Island and Kauai won great door prizes by participating in the first session! Way to represent Hawaii 4-H!

*Claire Nakatsuka*
Update On Tax Exempt Status

On January 24, 2015, the Hawaii 4-H Foundation voted to move forward with providing tax exempt coverage to Hawaii 4-H clubs and affiliates (federations, councils, etc.) as the umbrella organization. A working group of Foundation members will review models that other states have implemented and then will decide what model would be most beneficial for Hawaii 4-H. The process is expected to take 6-8 months to complete.

In the meantime, livestock sales procedures are not currently changing and should follow the procedures outlined in Carl Evensen’s memo dated December 11, 2013:

1. Since the practice in Hawaii 4-H Livestock programs has been to provide the revenues from sales to the 4-H youth, minus commissions and other fees, the income above expenses from these sales can be considered as taxable income to the young person. The 4-H youth and their families should seek tax advice on this matter.

2. Also for the purchaser of the animal, since the majority of the revenues from the sale go to the 4-H youth, the purchase cannot be considered as a charitable contribution, but rather it is a direct benefit to the 4-H member and is not tax deductible. Confirmation of the national policies on this issue can be found in the following fact sheet from the 4-H National Headquarters.

Please be reminded that: Individual Hawaii 4-H clubs and other 4-H related groups (except for the Hawaii 4-H Foundation and Hawaii 4-H Alumni Association) are no longer tax exempt and may be subject to paying federal and state income tax.

Companies and/or individuals can make donations to 4-H clubs and other 4-H related groups but these donations are not tax deductible.

Thank you for your understanding of the transition that is taking place as the Hawaii 4-H Foundation is generously working through this change in overall 4-H tax status required by the Federal IRS.

Dr. Ashley M. Stokes
Interim Associate Dean and Associate Director
CTAHR Extension

4-H Crime Spy Club
4-H members at the Singapore Youth Center have started on a mission! They have become top secret spies and are learning how to investigate crime scenes and learn the skills necessary to become top detectives and solve mysteries. In the photos below, 4-H club Sarah Dastrup help the 4-H members create their spy kits.
This 4-H curriculum is part of the Utah 4-H Discover Series which is available to any 4-H group at [http://utah4h.org/htm/discover4hclubs](http://utah4h.org/htm/discover4hclubs). The lessons are free, easy to use and the best part is that 4-H’ers love them! Great discovery Singapore 4-H’ers!

The Singapore 4-H clubs is one of many military 4-H clubs supported by Hawaii 4-H youth development program.

**Project Spotlight**

**Meet the Author Webinars!**

Throughout 2015, National 4-H Council will be hosting 45 minute overview webinars on new 4-H curriculum materials. The sessions will include a 30-minute overview by the authors and 15 minutes of Q&A. Delve into activities included in the curriculum and ask questions about implementation in various settings.
Theatre Arts: Imagination in Action  
Feb. 18, 2015  
7 am Hawaii time  
Authors: Ellen Williams (Rutgers University) and Kathleen Jamison (Virginia Tech)  
Learning Level: Middle School (adaptable for younger and older age groups)  
Format: 3 Facilitator Guides  
This curriculum opens the world of theatre to youth. These materials offer extended activities in communication, improvisation, pantomime, script writing, cultural and historical influences, stage design, and costume design. Life skills and workforce development concepts are woven throughout the curriculum to supplement more sophisticated theatre techniques and ideas.

Be SAFE: Safe, Affirming, and Fair Environments  
Feb. 18, 2015  
9 am Hawaii time  
Authors: Janet Olsen and Karen Pace, Michigan State University  
Learning Level: Middle School  
Format: Facilitator Guide  
Be SAFE offers a variety of educational resources to help communities reduce and prevent bullying behaviors while promoting healthy social and emotional development. The initiative focuses on helping adults consider ways to do this within all of the settings where young people live, learn, grow and develop -including out of school settings.

Cooking 101 - 401  
Feb. 25, 2015  
7 am Hawaii time  
Author: Madonna Weese, University of Illinois  
Learning Level: Elementary through High School (Beginner through Advanced)  
Format: 4 Youth Guides, 1 Facilitator Guide  
Get ready to cook with the new 4-H Cooking Series! Learning by doing is the best way to master food preparation skills. This brand new curriculum includes 4 levels (101-401) that guide youth as they progress from beginner to advanced cooking techniques. Youth will learn about food safety, food preparation, meal planning, food science, and nutrition. Each manual builds on the skills learned in the previous level. All recipes have been tested by nutrition and wellness educators at the University of Illinois.

Backyards and Beyond  
March 4, 2015
The Backyards & Beyond curriculum is designed as a network of neighborhood “nature trails” with outdoor activities that are led by the Neighborhood Nature Club Leader. It includes four units with eight trails that progressively advance the connections youth make with the outdoors.

What’s On Your Plate? Exploring Food Science
March 4, 2015
9 am Hawaii time

Author: Susie Craig, Washington State University
Learning Level: Middle and High School (Beginner through Advanced)
Format: 4 Units (4 Youth Notebooks, 4 Facilitator Guides)

What’s On Your Plate? Is a comprehensive curriculum set with hands-on experiments that teach youth the building blocks of food science using chemistry, biology, and physics. In a “kitchen laboratory” setting, youth learn why and how things happen in breads, muffins, eggs, fruit, vegetables, cheese, candy, and beverages. Youth conduct food experiments, collect and analyze data, practice sensory science (tasting), and investigate career opportunities. Each unit contains three activities for beginner through advanced learners.

Other Opportunities

Community Impact Grants Program

Grants, up to $5,000, are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and 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.

Priority will be placed on volunteer projects that fit the following criteria.

- Projects that serve veterans and their families, whether that’s repairing homes or improving facilities
- Projects that involve veterans volunteering to help other veterans in the communities where they live

Check out http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant for more information.

2015 Youth In Action Award
National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual Youth in Action award. The winner of the Youth in Action Award will receive a $10,000 scholarship for higher education and an all-expense paid trip to the 4-H Legacy Awards Gala at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. on April 23, 2015.

The award will acknowledge and honor a confident, accomplished 4-H’er who has gained critical life skills through the 4-H program and has utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced. The award winner will also demonstrate how they positively impact the community through their 4-H experience.

The 4-H Youth in Action award is open to 4-H youth and alumni ages 16-21. Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

* **Personal Impact:** How 4-H personally impacted their life;
* **Community Impact:** How 4-H has empowered them to positively impact peers and/or community; and
* **Project Excellence:** How they have demonstrated excellence in a 4-H project. The project focus areas are agriculture science, food security, healthy living, citizenship and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

**Application Requirements**
In a 4-minute or less video, the nominee should address the following questions/statements:
(Note: File size should not exceed 50MB or 4 minutes.)

* How has 4-H changed your life? What critical life skills did you grow through 4-H?
* How have you applied those critical life skills to an adversity or challenge you were facing?
* What positive impact have you had on your community or others?
* What is your 4-H project of excellence?

**How to Apply**
Please download 2015 Youth in Action Award Guidelines at for complete details at [https://tiny.utk.edu/YouthInAction](https://tiny.utk.edu/YouthInAction). The application deadline is January 12, 2015. General award questions should be directed to Rachel Mentzer at rmentzer@4-H.org or 301-961-2940. For online submission issues, contact webadmin@4-H.org.

**2015 Disney Friends for Change Grants**

Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers $500 to gather their friends and turn their creative ideas to help their communities into projects taking place on or around Global Youth Service Day - April 17-19, 2015.

Whether protecting the planet, providing food to hungry people, helping other kids learn, or promoting healthy behaviors, Friends for Change help make their communities greener, safer, smarter, healthier, cleaner, and fairer.
Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and DC are eligible. Apply by February 18, 2015 to turn your idea from a dream into reality! [http://www.ysa.org/disney_friends_for_change_us_grants](http://www.ysa.org/disney_friends_for_change_us_grants)

**The Paradigm Challenge**  
*Deadline: May 1*

The Paradigm Challenge is an annual competition developed by Project Paradigm and the American Red Cross to inspire youth aged 7 to 18 to affect positive change in the world. The first annual challenge aims to generate new ideas to prevent injuries and fatalities from home fires - America's #1 disaster threat. They invite youth aged 7 to 18 (as of May 1, 2015) to accept The Challenge, build a team, become problem solvers, learn about home fires, and help save lives. Project Paradigm will award cash prizes of up to $100,000 to the top 100 teams.

**VolunTEEN Nation International Service Project Grants**  
*Deadline: Rolling*

Students (ages 13-22) from the United States going abroad to volunteer or study in a developing country are encouraged to apply for an international service-learning mini-grant from VolunTEEN Nation. Grants are for up to $300 to create a service project in a developing country while you are visiting that country.

**Karma for Cara Foundation Micro-grants**  
*Deadline: Rolling*

The Karma for Cara Foundation is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between $250 and $1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Whether it is turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter, they want to hear what project you're passionate about.

**Opal Apple Youth Make a Difference Grants**  
*Deadline: February 28*

The Opal Apple Youth Make a Difference will award funding to youth-based initiatives serving their communities in the U.S. where youth, ages 6 - 25, take leadership roles in the initiative. Grants will be awarded in the range of $5,000 - $20,000. The initiatives chosen will address one or more issues of food security, nutrition, agriculture, and food politics and education.

**World of Children Youth Award**  
*Deadline: April 1*

The World of Children® Award provides funding and recognition to support life-changing work for children by discovering and elevating only the most effective changemakers for children worldwide. The Youth Award recognizes a young hero (under the age of 21) who is making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. Awards will be presented at an annual ceremony held in New York City on November 5, 2015. At that time, World of Children Award will offer grants of at least $25,000 to the proven, sustainable programs created and managed by the 2015 Honorees.
Hasbro Community Action Award

The Hasbro Community Action Hero Award recognizes outstanding young volunteers who show they are never too young to make a difference in their local or global community.

Hasbro Children's Fund and generationOn will celebrate ten young people between the ages of 5-18 for their extraordinary community service and volunteer activities at a special recognition event Los Angeles on April 18, 2015. Each winner will be awarded a $1,000 educational scholarship and a $500 grant to their selected non-profit.

A Hasbro Community Action Hero is a young person who makes an extraordinary mark on the world through service. To learn more and nominate a local hero today, go to http://generationon.org/teens/awards/hasbro-community-action-hero-award/eligibility

The Great American NO BULL Challenge

Deadline: February 27

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is back for another year. This contest challenges you to create a video to help end bullying both in person and online. You have a choice of creating a short film of 2-5 minutes, or a shorter PSA of 30-60 seconds. There's a public voting period to pick the top 25 videos to go to the final judging round. 15 finalists go to Los Angeles for the NO BULL National Educational Conference and Video Awards, where the winners are announced.

Carton 2 Garden Contest

Deadline: April 22

Open to grades K-12 in all schools (public, private, or charter in the United States), it's a fun way to teach students about environmental stewardship, recycling, and repurposing materials, and how those concepts can have an impact on the lives of people, other creatures, and our environment. Twenty total awards will be offered. Four schools will receive national prize award packages of $2,500 each and sixteen schools from eight regions across the United States will receive $1,000 award packages.