March

19  4-H Healthy Living Leader Training via Zoom, 7 pm
26  OMK Money Matters Workshop
29  Oahu 4-H Leaders Meeting, 12:30 pm, Moanalua High School Rm F201
31  2015 4-H Alumni Weinberg Scholarship Applications due
31  Engaging Youth, Serving Communities (EYSC) project applications due

April

16  Rockets to the Rescue Leader Training via Zoom, 7 pm
16  Military 4-H meeting, Catlin Clubhouse, 9 am

President’s Message

Aloha 4-H'ers and Club Leaders! Thank you to the club leaders who took the time to answer the club leader survey. The results of the survey will help the Executive Board determine what actions should be taken to move ahead with our plans and programs.

We are having a planning meeting for club leaders and hope that all club leaders will make an effort to attend. The meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29, 12:30 pm at Moanalua High School, Rm F201. (Please refer to article in this newsletter). Mahalo!

Shaina Acosta

The 4th “H” in All 4-H Projects (A 4-H Healthy Living Webinar for 4-H Club Leaders)
March 19, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Head, Heart, Hands, Health… when all four are present, we develop well-rounded youth. Do you need ideas to help youth incorporate more HEALTH into 4-H, whether it be livestock, robotics or service learning? Learn about available 4-H resources and ideas to incorporate HEALTH into your club’s 4-H plan. The webinar will be conducted via Zoom. You will need a computer or a smart phone with internet access. A webcam and/or headphones are optional. An invitation to join the Zoom session will be sent after the 16th which will give you time to download the Zoom software and enable you to participate. The presentation will be 30 minutes, leaving time for questions at the end. To register, send an email to Laura Kawamura at ljk@hawaii.edu by March 16th.

Laura Kawamura

Oahu 4-H Leaders Meeting

The Oahu 4-H Executive Board is inviting all 4-H leaders to a planning meeting on:

Sunday, March 29, 2015
12:30 pm (light lunch will be served)
Moanalua High School, rm F201

The officers are hoping to use this time to discuss summer opportunities as well as start planning the calendar of events for the 2015-16 4-H year. The officers value your input and hope that you will attend this meeting! Please RSVP to Shaina Acosta at shainajenacosta@gmail.com by March 18th.

Shaina Acosta

Engaging Youth, Serving Communities (EYSC) Hawaii 4-H Project Opportunity

Through support from the Hawaii 4-H Foundation, ten Youth-Adult Partnership (YAP) teams (Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii counties) will be provided an opportunity to receive training that will enable them to provide a mentoring program to benefit youth in their community.

The training will take place:

July 6-9, 2015.
University of Hawaii Campus-Manoa
Youth participants must be in the 9-12th grade
No cost to attend the training
YAP teams can apply for funds for supplies & materials ($500)
YAP teams must commitment to complete the project of mentoring 25 youth/6 hours of teaching and submit progress/final reports by each of the 3 deadlines.

Applications are due March 31, 2015 to Joan Chong, 7381 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kealakekua, HI 96750 Phone: 322-0166 Fax: 322-4895 Email: jchong@hawaii.edu

Check the Hawaii 4-H website for more information and the application. http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/forms/Mentoring%20Application%20Form.B.pdf

Hawai‘i 4-H Alumni/Weinberg High School Senior Scholarship

Scholarships of up to $1,500 ($750 for community or junior college) will be awarded to current 4-H members who have completed at least one year of 4-H work prior to March 1 of the year the application is received. The applicant will need to be enrolled full-time in their freshman year at an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school in the fall of the year the applications are due.

Candidate should submit the following materials to the County 4-H Extension Agent by March 27, 2015.

1. Scholarship Application Form, including signatures of the 4-Her, parent/guardian, and club leader.
2. Individual’s photograph (headshot for publicity).
3. Copy of official high school transcript (can be sent directly to the alumni association post office box from the school; must be received by March 31, 2015).
4. Two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, academic advisor, or counselor and the other at large.
5. Copy of first page (or page that shows adjusted gross income) of family’s most current 1040 tax form for verification of annual income. Place in a sealed envelope or mail directly to Hawaii 4-H Alumni Association, P.O. Box 61565, Honolulu, HI 96839.

A committee will review the applications submitted and determine the scholarship winner(s) on the basis of

   a. Financial information
   b. Experiences in 4-H
   c. 4-H citizenship/leadership experiences
   d. Academic information

Applications are available at:
http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/forms/Weinberg%20Scholarship%20app%202015-high%20school%20fillable.pdf

Susan Saka
Hawaii 4-H Alumni Association
Oahu 4-H Project Runway

Jeremiah Luab conducting a lesson on how to recycle an outfit.

Evelyn Fernandez cutting her old top into a new top.

One of the participants answering questions about her skirt.

Above: Judges having a good time watching participants model their recyclable outfits.

Left: The youngest participants – how cute!

Janiele Luab

2015 WRLF

For those of you who missed out on session two “Widening the Circle: Special Connections” 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 Two - MediaSpace Video

The recording of the third session, “Youth Connecting in Your Community” has not been posted as yet. We will inform you when it is or you can check the WRLF website on your own http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015

Claire Nakatsuka
**Youth Volunteers Needed**

Waimea Valley Park is seeking youth groups that are willing to do a service project by assisting with park maintenance projects. Youth need to be at least 8 years and older. Group size can be from 10-30 people. Groups are welcome on any Saturday. Projects usually last from 9 am – 12 noon. After the project is completed, the groups are allowed to enjoy the park and its amenities. Groups interested in volunteering are asked to contact Athena Sparks, Volunteer Coordinator at 638-5855.

**Rabbiteers 4-H Club Share Take Their 4-H Project Into The Community**

The Rabbiteers of Oahu showed their rabbits to 34 kindergartners at Kalihi Elementary School on February 13, 2015. Caleb Heydon is 13 years old. Lizzie Heydon is 8 years old and Josh Heydon is 5 years old. What a great way to share a 4-H project in the community!

![Image of children with rabbits](image1.jpg)

**Record Book Deadlines**

We hope that all 4-H’ers are working on their 4-H record books. Please note that the deadline to submit Sr. Portfolios (to be considered for a spot in the Hawaii 4-H delegation to National 4-H Congress) is May 15th.

All other record books (Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions) are due on June 1st.

Completed books can be submitted to any of the Oahu Extension offices. (Just let one of the 4-H agents know that you have turned them in so that we can make arrangements to get them from that office).
National Guard and Army Reserve Youth had the opportunity to participate in a Robotics-themed workshop held on February 16th at the 103rd Troop Command National Guard Armory in Pearl City. The free event marks the sixth installment of the STEM-tastic Fun! Day Camp Series, created through a partnership between Hawaii Operation: Military Kids (OMK), Army Reserve CYSS and the National Guard Child & Youth Program. The STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) workshops offer military youth the chance to learn STEM education and life skills in a non-formal environment while providing a means for the participants to build positive peer relationships with other military youth from around the island. With a varying theme for each STEM day camp, this event’s focus on Robotics challenged both beginner and intermediate roboticists alike. Participants worked in teams to assemble VEX IQ Clawbots to help build character, leadership and problem-solving skills. The youth were also paid a special visit by the Army’s 706th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company and were given an interactive demonstration with robots used for closer inspections of Improvised Explosive Devices. The next STEM-tastic Day Camp is scheduled for May 2015. Please visit the National Guard Family Programs website (hawaiiguardohana.org) for other military youth opportunities.

KiKi Yoshimoto

Summer Camp Opportunities for Military Youth

Military teens – please take note! In partnership with Camp Erdman, the Hawaii 4-H Youth development program will once again offer a “Heroes At Home” camp from June 21-26 at Camp Erdman YMCA for youth 11-14 years old. This is a week long residential camp that will offer campers opportunities to participate in activities such as low ropes, high ropes, swimming, archery, tent camping, art, nature, sports as well as other youth development activities. Registration costs will be covered. Applications will be available starting March 15, 2015. Check out the Camp Erdman website http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/camp_erdman for more information (after March 15th).
End of OMK Programs

All Operation: Military Kids programs nationwide will be ending on March 31, 2015. National Guard and Army Reserves families can check the following websites for resources and support:
For National Guard Families: http://hawaiiguardohana.org
For Army Reserve Families: https://www.arfp.org/cyss.php
Additional Resources for all Families: http://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org

Hawaii Operation: Military Kids program efforts started in 2005. At its prime, there were 30 agencies serving on the Hawaii OMK team, working together to support geographically dispersed military children experiencing deployment.

A fond aloha to Kiki Yoshimoto, who has served as Hawaii OMK project coordinator for the past 5 years! Good luck to KiKi in her new endeavors!

Claire Nakatsuka

Other Opportunities

4-H Youth Photo Showcase

For this year’s National 4-H Council Congressional Breakfast, to be held on April 15th in Washington D.C., we would like to share photos of and/or taken by 4-H youth. Submit high resolution photos of your 4-H’ers participating in various programs, or photos taken by 4-H’ers that highlight just how talented our young people are! Please send any photos that you would like to have showcased, including first name of youth, 4-H club, and county/state, to kthompson@4-H.org.

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....

**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....

**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....

**The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**
**Deadline: April 15**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2015 awards. The Barron Prize celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. Each year, fifteen winners each receive a $5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education.

For more information and to access our online application, visit [http://www.barronprize.org/](http://www.barronprize.org/)

**Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Award**
**Deadline: March 27**
The National Wildlife Federation is accepting applications for the 6th annual Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Award, which is given to a young person between the ages of 8 and 18 to attend a week-long summer outdoor educational adventure camp with a parent or guardian. Consider participating in the nature-themed essay contest with your students! The contest may support your English, Science and other curriculum, and it is a perfect way to commemorate National Wildlife Week (March 9-15). ...»

**GYSD Partner Days of Service**

One way to get involved during Global Youth Service Day is to join in one of the many GYSD Partner Days of Service that take place in April. You can celebrate both GYSD and another event with a single project! If you care about the issue of hunger, consider these service opportunities:

**Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry**

Gather your friends, families, neighbors, or teammates, and host a Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry. Every dollar you raise can help connect a kid in need with up to 10 meals!

**Food Day**

On GYSD, plant a community garden to grow food to be donated. Then, plan to harvest in the fall on Food Day - October 24. Food Day inspires Americans to change their diets and food policies.