Are you ready to explore the University of Hawaii - Manoa campus, learn life skills to take you beyond high school, meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones? Then the 4-H Ahaolelo Conference is for you!

The 4-H Ahaolelo Conference is offered the third week in July at the University of Hawaii-Manoa campus. For 2013, the FOCUS 2015 conference is scheduled for July 15th - 18th. We will check in everyone the first day between 8:30 AM-12:00 PM and will be finished on the last day by 3:00 PM. The four-day program includes educational, recreational, and social events. Participants stay in University dormitories (Frear Hall), eat at the cafeteria, and survive without sleep for much of the week.

Youth aged 13-19 may attend. College age young adults may attend as college staff members, and adults as chaperones. If the youth is not a registered 4-H member in the county, he/she is required to fill out a 4-H Member Enrollment (Form Y-1) before registering. In addition each delegate is required to complete the attached registration form, Media and Informational Release form and Parental Permission & Medical Information Summary.

If you are interested in going we ask that you contact your 4-H Agent to let them know of your interest no later than May 1, 2013. Then submit your completed registration form and payment to your county extension office by May 31, 2013. The cost this year is $275 and includes lodging, meals, registration fee, and ground transportation. Each participating delegate (adult and youth) will need to pay the registration fee. Each county will be responsible for sending the adult chaperone to accompany the group (one adult per eight 4-H'ers).

As part of the conference, the program will include an Ali‘i Ceremony and an opportunity for each county to exhibit or demonstrate what their county 4-H program is all about. This will be a dress up event because there will be donors and other guest present.

We are still finalizing plans for the various workshops that will be conducted by various presenters...however, to go along with the FOCUS 2015 theme, the planning members felt it was important to have workshops to teach important skills to help you prior to and following graduation. Workshops will include learning about different personality styles, plans will be to have a food-related workshop, resume & job skills building, public speaking, and then community service projects. You will also have an opportunity to visit with local college campuses.
~ Need the County’s help with this portion ~

Gift to the Ali‘i

As of this writing, we don’t have an Ali‘i selected, but suggestions are welcome. For this presentation we are asking that each county be responsible to bring goodies (Island products and produce specialties) that are presented in baskets or nicely wrapped boxes. A 4-H’er from your county will narrate the description about your island and products during the presentation ceremonies. Please plan on bringing items that will last for a few days. We will ask the cafeteria if we can store perishables in their refrigerator. Thus the refrigerated items need to be labeled.

Dress Code

The dress code is casual for 4-H Ahaolelo Conference. Jeans or shorts (no cut offs or short shorts) and T-shirts or Aloha shirts would be appropriate. Ali‘i Banquet dinner will be a nice dress up event.

Housing

The delegates will be housed at the Frear Hall dorms. The address is 2569 Dole Street.

Transportation

We will be renting vans from UH and want the agents or adult chaperones to be drivers. If they can help us out please let us know. We will assign vans to the different counties.

Due

- May 1, 2013 - Please give us a count and names of those who will be attending.
- May 31, 2013 - Registration forms and money due.