Oahu 4-H Newsletter Online

Welcome to Oahu 4-H's online newsletter!

February 2013

Upcoming Events

Feb

4  Food Show Chair club meeting @ UGC, 6:30 pm
5-8  4-H Military Partnership meeting, DC
8  Food Show forms due
16  Executive Board Meeting @ Farrington High, 9am

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5  Hawaii Operation: Military Kids state team meeting @ UGC, 9 am
9  Oahu 4-H Food Show @ Moanalua High School, 4-9 pm
18  OMK “Up For The Challenge” Day Camp @ Catlin Community Center
21-24  Western Region Leaders Forum
22  OMK “To Infinity and Beyond” Day Camp @ UH Manoa

President's Message

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all having a wonderful new year so far! Thank you to the people who showed up for the January Council meeting/origami folding project. We folded aloha shirts as our contribution for the goodie bags for the attendees of the Western Regional Leader’s Forum that Hawaii will be hosting. We had to make about 300 shirts and, with the help of many clubs on Oahu, we are getting there! Please do not forget that there are spaces open for the Teen Component to volunteer, or even participate, with the 30+ teens from the mainland coming. If you and your club are interested in manning a booth to showcase what your club has been doing, teach the teens a small craft, or give a demonstration, please email Meko at mjjt2@hawaii.edu.

Also, thank you to Just Us and Farrington for the Food Show workshop. I am sure everyone learned a lot of new tricks for food presentation and got display ideas. Can’t wait to see you all at the Food Show, March 9!

Erin Voss

Oahu Events

Oahu 4-H Food Show

A hands-on workshop was held on Tuesday evening, January 29th at the Farrington High School classroom to help our 4-H members to prepare for our upcoming Food Show. We appreciated
the help of Aunty Linda Uyehara and some of her club members who demonstrated how to do vegetable carving and chocolate writing. About 30+ members, leaders and guests participated in making flowers, out of carrots, turnips, green onions, cucumber and also a basket carved out of oranges. They all seemed to have enjoyed the experiences and we hope to see some of these creations displayed with their food entries at the Food Show. Thank you to the members from the Clover Kids, FCCLA, Spartans, Warriors and Just Us clubs who took the time to attend the workshop.

**Reminder:** Food Show forms are due Friday February 8th.

Food Show Committee Chair clubs' leader's meeting on Monday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. - UGC meeting room.

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**Oahu County Service Project Day**

*January 20, 2013*

Thank you to everyone who participated on this service project! We folded over 200 aloha origami shirts. Your help is much appreciated.

It was a productive and successful day. We hope that you participate in more service projects to come.

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**Hawaii Spotlight at 4-H Military Partnership Meeting**

Hawaii Operation: Military Kids Project Coordinator Kiki Yoshimoto will represent Hawaii at the 4-H Military Partnership meeting in Crystal City, VA from February 5-8. While at the meeting, Kiki will share with state 4-H military liaisons, OMK project coordinators and military representatives how Hawaii OMK has worked with military partners and Extension colleagues in American Samoa to support military children there.

Army Reserves soldiers in America Samoa are part of the 9th Mission Support Command which is headquartered in Honolulu.

**Kwajalein 4-H Citizenship Club’s Unbound Book Project**

The Kwajalein (Ebeye) Citizenship 4-H Club (which is supported by the Hawaii 4-H youth development program) through the 4-H military partnership has a new project.

The project is to help publish a Marshallese children’s book. Because of the lack of Marshallese children’s books, The Unbound Bookmaker project’s mission is to produce books that can be used to help Marshallese children learn.

Kwajalein 4-H Citizenship Club members Ashley Homuth, left, and Kayla Hepler, browse through one of the Unbound Bookmaker Project books compiled by Majuro students.
This past month, the 4-H members met with the founder of the Unbound Bookmaker project to learn what is involved in writing and producing a book. The 4-H’ers are presently creating their own mini-books which is a precursor to the larger book project to take place next fall.

Jamie Zvirzdin, founder of the Unbound Bookmaker Project, visits the 4-H group at the Teen Center on Kwajalein, telling them how the program was started.

Claire Nakatsuka

4-H Project Spotlight

Want to learn about ways to use and save money? About the benefits and drawbacks of credit? How to select financial services? If so, this may be the project for you!

This series is intended for 4-H members in grades 7-9. The curriculum provides group activities that will help youth in the consumer decision making process.

Project manuals are available for loan from the Urban Garden Center and for purchase from the National 4-H Service Supply http://www.4-hmall.org/Product/4-hcurriculum-financial/07713.aspx

4-H Alumni Association/Weinberg Scholarship

The 4-H Alumni Association is once again soliciting applications for the Alumni Association/Weinberg scholarship for qualifying high school seniors who will be furthering their education full time at an accredited institution.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Hawaii 4-H website (Allison-please link to form here). Please note that applications are due March 27th.

Susan Saka
Scholarship Committee Chair
4-H Alumni Association

National 4-H Congress News

Hawaii 4-H members who attended the 2012 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia this past November share their experiences in a newsletter they produced with the guidance of Oahu 4-H leader and Congress chaperone Linda Uyehara. The newsletter can be found at: http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/Oahu/forms/NationalCongressNewsletter_Oahu.pdf. Check out the many wonderful stories that the 4-H’ers have about their 4-H Congress experience.

Congratulations also to Maui 4-H member Nicole Davis who has been selected to serve on the 2013 National 4-H Congress Design Team. Nicole is one of just 8 members from across the nation that will work together to plan this year’s 4-H Congress.

2013 Ahaolelo
July 15-18

Save these dates for our 4-H teen conference! East Hawaii 4-H Educator Becky Settlage and her planning team has been working hard to develop a conference schedule that will provide many great learning opportunities as well as fun times. 4-Hers in grades 9th and older from around the state will be eligible to take part in this year’s 4-H Ahaolelo conference.
at the UH Manoa campus July 15-18. Participants will stay in one of the dorms on campus and participate in four days of learning activities. Ahaolelo is a Hawaiian word which means "To come together for a meeting". The Ahaolelo is rich in tradition and provides opportunities to make friends and exchange ideas. Past programs featured culinary arts, culture, science and technology, and health and nutrition. Registration information should be out next month.

4-H Members Interviewed in Losing the West Movie

Losing the West is a documentary on small ranching and farming, exemplified by the story of a lifelong Colorado cowboy. With sweeping shots of the Colorado Rockies, the film explores whether cherished Western traditions and this fiercely independent lifestyle can survive as they collide with inevitable population growth in the West and its dwindling natural resources.

This is the link to the trailer for the film. http://www.losingthewestthemovie.com

Other Opportunities

Disney Friends for Change Grants
Deadline: February 10, 2013

Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a $1,000 grant to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for a $1,000 grant. Please note: To be eligible to lead a Disney Friends for Change grant, you must be between the ages of 5 – 18. Legally, if you are younger than 13, you must have someone older than 13 prepare and submit the application for you. Apply online at https://www.wizehive.com/appform/login/ysa2012us

National Child Awareness Month Ambassador Program

Do you know an exceptional teen or young adult with a passion for creating change? Nominate him or her for the National Child Awareness Month Ambassadors Program, a unique opportunity for service-minded youth, ages 16 to 22, to receive support and leadership training as they develop large-scale service projects that positively impact the lives of young people. For more information, check out: http://www.ysa.org/grants/NCAM

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