Oahu 4-H Newsletter Online
July-August Issue

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  6  Operation Military Kids team meeting – Urban Garden Center, 9 am
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  10  OMK Ready, Set, Go Training
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New President’s Message

Aloha 4-Hers! Welcome to another great year in 4-H! The Oahu County Executive Board and I are looking forward to working and meeting all of you. We have been working hard planning events that will send you right at the edge of your seat. We hope to expose and promote 4-H in the community in order for others to recognize all the hard work our organization does.

My fellow officers and I are finalizing the calendar and budget this year. It will be up for approval at our first council meeting on Rally Day, September 21 at the Urban Garden Center. If you want to have a good time, then make sure to reserve this date, for it will truly electrify you. There are many events set for all of you, but we can’t do it without your help! We know each one of you have the potential to organize an event, so if you are interested in becoming a chairperson, feel free to email me at katcorpuz95@yahoo.com. Together, we can lead 4-H to have an effective and memorable year. Thank you for your continued support and I am excited to serve all of you!

Kathleen Corpuz

Past President’s Message

The year has been a true learning experience for me, and I hope you felt that way about your 4-H year, too. The Executive Council worked around the theme of "4-H Raises You Up" to encourage members to participate in and reflect upon the activities that have helped us grow as young people this year. From the always delicious Food Show to the new and exciting Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum, we were able to truly "learn by doing." Some of our lessons were fun, and others were difficult, but they all added up to preparing us to become successful and knowledgeable adults.

I really enjoyed meeting new people this year, as well as continuing to work with continuing members. I was honored to represent this organization for this year. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Best of luck to incoming president Kathleen Corpuz.

Let's all work together next year to Make the Best, Better!

Mahalo,
Erin Voss
4-H Tax Exempt Status

The 4-H youth development program is the youth outreach of the Land Grant Universities and Institutions (LGU’s), Cooperative Extension Services, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). LGU Administrators and Directors, or their designees, are responsible for the design and delivery of their 4-H programs. This includes (1) duly authorizing 4-H clubs and 4-H affiliated organizations, and (2) ensuring program integrity and fidelity, which includes fiscal and fiduciary responsibilities.

For decades, 4-H clubs and affiliated organizations were granted tax exempt status under a Group Exemption Number held by the USDA. In August 2010, after discussions with the IRS, the USDA notified all land grant Universities that they would be relinquishing their Group Exemption Number that covered 4-H operations effective May 16, 2011.

Individual Hawaii 4-H clubs and other 4-H related groups are no longer tax exempt, except if they have obtained their own 501 (c) 3 status and may be subject to paying federal and state income tax.

Arrangements are in the process of being made for the county 4-H organization to derive their tax exempt status from the Hawaii 4-H Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization. Other Hawaii 4-H organizations with a 501 (c) 3 status include the Hawaii 4-H Alumni Association and the Hawaii Livestock Council. CTAHR has been looking into other possibilities for providing a tax exemption, but expect that this will be a slow and difficult process. In the meantime, we wanted to let you know the situation and ask for your patience.

Carl Evensen
Interim Associate Dean/Director
CTAHR

County Livestock Judging Results

The 2013 Livestock Judging Contest was held at the Eguires’ Ranch on April 27, 2013. Congratulations to:

Juniors
Champion Monica Porter
Res Champion Hayshalee Silva

Seniors
Champion Jacob Cabiles
Res Champion Makaleka Barros-Teixeira
County Livestock Show Results.

The 2013 Oahu County 4-H Livestock Show and Auction was held at Kawailoa Ranch on June 15, 2013. Congratulations to the 4-H’ers who earned these honors:

**Hog**
- Champion Wyatt Rita
- Res Champion Makaleka Barros
- Sr showmanship Lorrie Smith
- Sr showmanship 2 Jessica Smith
- Jr showmanship Hoku Paakaula
- Jr showmanship 2 Monica Porter

**Lamb**
- Champion Makaleka Barros
- Res Champion Sydney Porter
- Sr showmanship Sydney Porter
- Sr showmanship 2 Mellanie New-Lorenzo
- Jr showmanship Jenaya Aiona
- Jr showmanship 2 Alexis Soto-Ybarra

**Beef**
- Champion Sydney Porter
- Res Champion Jacob Cabiles
- Showmanship Sydney Porter
- Showmanship 2 Jacob Cabiles

**Fancy Chicken**
- Champion Jones Hughes
- Res Champion Hayshalee Silva
- Showmanship Isabella Hughes
- Showmanship 2 Jones Hughes

County Livestock Show Mahalo
The County Show success was due to all the volunteers who assisted and helped. If we have missed anyone, please let me know. A big Thank You to: Fran and Henry Silva for slaughtering arrangements, pickup of pens, potluck stew and chili, and dropoff of pigs; Eddie Eguires for pickup of pens and scale; Eric Bello for being the show judge; Carol Medeiros for handling the silent auction; Debbie Eguires for mistress of ceremonies, auctioneer, and making the judge’s arrangements; Buddy Eguires for tent covering the animals; Patti DeSoto for facilities use; Ron Darlington for small animals and cloverbuds; Dr. Brent Buckley for scaling and mouthing; Lianne Aiona as weighmaster; Jenni Patten and Sammy Souza for distributing exhibitor numbers; Jeff Patten and Paul Eguires, and parents for ring handlers; Henry Fong for PA and sound system; Bridget Napier for handling the auction; and parents, members, and friends for setup and cleanup.

Steve Nagano
Farm Fair Mahalo

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Tent featured educational as well as fun activities. 4-H partnered with the Future Farmers of America to provide manpower to children’s games that included the balloon pop quiz, ring toss, keiki fishing, and 4-H wheel. Thank you to the volunteers who helped: Just Us (Sakaye Nomura, Karla and Sasha Calistro), Clover Kids (Kent, Kym and Becky Kanenaka and Aissa Geonzon), Warriors (Farin Fukunaga), AMR 4-H (Zion Murray, Nyah Pieper, and Suki Helmer), and the Hawaii 4-H Alumni Association (Richard Mori, Susan Saka, Helene Zeug, Carol Thamtrachai, and Janice Kondo).

The tent featured 3 demonstrations for a parent and child interaction. Each demonstration was done twice during the day it was scheduled. Kennedy Quimby and Amaris Cedillo of the Aliamanu MST 4-H Club led the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge. Rose Saito shared a hydroponics workshop and Jolina Codera, Kathleen Corpuz and Joshua Brayne Viza of the Farrington FCCLA/4-H Club led the ReThink Your Drink session.

Mahalo to Walter Horikawa for his organization and leadership with the recycling of plastic and aluminum at the fair.

Steve Nagano

State Livestock Judging Results.

The top 4 high scoring seniors in the livestock judging to represent Hawaii at a national 4-H judging contest included two from Oahu; Tatjana Calimpong-Burke and Alex Medeiros. Monica Porter received awards: 1st place in junior judging, 2nd place in placings, and 2nd place in swine judging. Tatjana received award for 1st place in placings. Alex received award for 1st place in beef judging. Oahu’s senior and junior judging teams placed 2nd overall.

State Livestock Show Results

Winners from the state show includes:

**Beef**
- Res Champion Jacob Cabiles
- Sr showmanship Sydney Porter
- Jr showmanship Stone Primacio
- Herdsman Sydney Porter
**Swine**  
Champion Wyatt Rita  
Res Champion Monica Porter  
Reserve Champion carcass Hayshalee Silva  
Sr showmanship Wyatt Rita  
Sr showmanship 2 Alex Medeiros  
Jr showmanship David Almeida  
Jr showmanship 2 Monica Porter  
Exhibitor Wyatt Rita  
Herdsmanship Monica Porter

**Lamb**  
Champion Sydney Porter  
Res Champion Cassey Cabiles  
Champion carcass Makaleka Barros  
Res Champion carcass Mellanie New-Lorenzo  
Sr showmanship Sydney Porter  
Jr showmanship Alexis Soto-Ibara  
Jr showmanship 2 Jenaya Aiona  
Exhibitor Sydney Porter  
Herdsmanship Makaleka Barros

**Goat**  
Champion Joshua Duran  
Res Champion Tanner Smith  
Jr showmanship Joshua Duran  
Jr showmanship 2 Kayla Smith  
Exhibitor Joshua Duran  
Herdsmanship Joshua Duran

**Chicken**  
Champion Tanner Smith  
Res Champion Jones Hughes  
Jr showmanship Isabella Hughes  
Jr showmanship 2 Tanner Smith  
Exhibitor Tanner Smith  
Herdsmanship Mahealani Farrell

**Overall Herdsman**  
Sr Sydney Porter  
Jr Monica Porter

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*Steve Nagano*
Michigan 4-H’er Visits the Fort Shafter Youth Center

A group of 1st and 2nd graders at the Fort Shafter Youth Center were treated to a special visit this summer from Ms. Brianna, a 4-H’er from Michigan. Ms. Brianna was here on vacation with her family but took a morning off to read two stories and do two activities with her new friends. Through the stories and activities, the children learned about Michigan. Ms. Brianna also shared about the 4-H projects that she is involved with back home.

What a special visit this was!  

Claire Nakatsuka

Ahaolelo

65 Hawaii 4-H teens and 14 adult chaperones participated in the 2013 Ahaolelo teen leadership conference on the University of Hawaii Manoa campus. East Hawaii 4-H Agent Becky Settlage and Oahu 4-H agent Rose Saito worked with a youth planning team to put this conference together. Workshops included Healthy Living 4-H project training (coordinated by Kauai 4-H agent Laura Kawamura), Cyberbulling (Robert Greenberg, USDA/4-H project technology specialist), Colors IQ (DeAnn Acosta, USDA/4-H project specialist), Resume Writing (Brent Buckley, CTAHR Beef Specialist), Financial Management and College/Career workshops (UH Manoa) and various service projects. The 4-H Ali’I was John Morgan of Kualoa Ranch.

New 4-H Year

Summer is almost coming to an end. As we send this newsletter out, school has started for most of you. That means we will soon start the 2013-2014 4-H year. The Exec Board had their annual retreat during the first week of August to plan the calendar, the budget and the first Council meeting. They came up with some great ideas and energy to start the year. Hope all of you will be inspired to come to the first meeting of the year set for Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2 pm. They will have some surprises plan for that meeting. Another event we are planning for the senior members is the ropes course. It is a fun activity to learn leadership skills and develop self confidence. Stay tune for the dates of the ropes course.

Rose Saito

Hawaii Delegates to National 4-H Congress Selected

Congratulations to the following 4-H’ers who will be attending the 2013 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia this November. I will be the agent accompanying the group and the leader chaperon will be Ms. Bongo Lee from Kauai.
Maui
Julia Kimoto
Kristi Kobashigawa
Kami Kutsunai
Breanne Mukai
Hana Murphy
Kylee Taketa
Rayce Tamanaha
Kaden-Kalena Tamashiro
Aubrey Unemori

East Hawaii
Malia Stout

West Hawaii
Kililani Kunitomo
Nikki Kunitomo

Oahu
Kathleen Corpuz
Amy Peria
Leichelle Joy Rabago

Rose Saito

State 4-H Program Responsibilities

Please note that effective July 1, 2013, the County 4-H agents will be sharing the responsibilities of the statewide 4-H program:

Healthy Living Mandate—Laura Kawamura ljk@hawaii.edu
Science Mandate—Becky Settlage settlage@hawaii.edu
Citizenship Mandate—Joan Chong jchong@hawaii.edu
Volunteer Development—Rose Saito roses@hawaii.edu
Marketing (incl. affiliates)—Steve Nagano snagano@hawaii.edu
4-H Access database—Kate Everett keverett@hawaii.edu
Program Coordinator—Claire Nakatsuka nakatsuk@hawaii.edu

Farm Animal Visit at Pre School Wanted

Unity Pre-School in Diamond Head is starting their Farm series in late August and is looking for children or adults who would be willing to bring farm animals to their school to share with their students. Please contact lorenalam63@hotmail.com if you think you would like to help them out.
We Can Make a Difference

More than a dozen volunteers work to fill plates with chili, rice, hotdogs, brownies, and carrot sticks. They work through the steam rising from the rice that waters their eyes and reddens their plastic-gloved hands. Their efforts go toward feeding more than 100 people who have no guarantee of any meal at all.

On July 22, 2013, Oahu County 4-H went to the Next Step Shelter to feed these people, as well as to raise awareness about homelessness. The people at the shelter live in very tiny 8 foot by 8 foot cubes, but the conditions are better than on the street. However, the Next Step Shelter does not have the funding to provide three meals a day, so it is up to volunteer groups like 4-H to help feed them.

Thank you to all the clubs that participated. The Warriors, Clover Kids, Just Us, and Farrington FCCLA all did their part to make this a success. The whole meal was prepared in part by each club then served as a county by our own 4-Hers. Thank you also to Aunty Rose Saito for generously donating the funding needed to make this project happen.

Experiences like this show that by working together, 4-H can impact the community.

Farin Fukunaga

Recognizing our Heroes at Home

On June 16-21, Hawaii Operation: Military Kids (OMK) hosted its first residential youth camp which was held on the grounds of Camp Erdman in Waialua, Oahu. Military youth ages 11-16 participated in this 5-night/6-day camp which focused on teaching life skills through informal recreation and educational experiences. All 105 participants of this camp have been affected by at least one deployment of a parent, many of whom have experienced a series of multiple deployments and relocations. The Hawaii OMK team and their community partners created this opportunity to recognize Hawaii’s youngest heroes and to provide a nurturing environment where these campers could gain tools to help them become resilient military youth.

Encompassing the camp’s Superhero theme and encouraging the youth to find their inner superhero qualities, the campers worked with the OMK team, camp counselors, Project YES and FOCUS project to build skills on communication, confidence and coping. This OMK camp was made possible through a partnership of the DoD, OSD, Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth, 4-H National Headquarters/NIFA/USDA, and community donations through the YMCA of Honolulu. For more information about Operation: Military Kids or to get involved with the next OMK camp, call 956-4125 or email omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

Kiki Yoshimoto
Hawaiian Plants Project at Schofield Youth Center

This summer military 4-H coordinator Carmen Golay worked with staff at the Schofield School Age program here on Oahu for a special series of activities for youth entering the 4th grade next year. Together we completed six planned sessions which have focused on Hawaiian plants, their uses and culture. We are working on a full and detailed documentation of our work with the plants: taro, hala tree, ti plant, ginger, and sweet potato. The planning for these sessions included working in field trips, and planning around other events that were relevant, such as a visit the center had planned to Bishop Museum where youth gathered lauhala. We had help and collaboration from not only the group leader (Ms. Nadine) and assistant director Ms. Gina, but also a volunteer and environmental educators from The Green House Hawaii.

On the right is a photo of one of the 4-Hers pounding kalo for the first time, with help from a volunteer. Stay tuned for more details and to see how your site might use what we have learned this summer to promote this type of cultural and plant learning in the context of a 4-H club.

4-H’ers Support Hawaii’s Military Community

As part of the 4-H Ahaolelo Conference’s community outreach effort, 4-H teen members offered their four “H”s to give back to Hawaii’s military community. The 4-H conference participants created Operation: Military Kids (OMK) F.I.T. Kits which are given to military families whose service member has just returned home from a deployment. FIT Kits, which stands for Family Interaction Tools, serve as a hand delivered salute to thank military personnel for their service to our country, and to recognize their children for the courage they displayed while their loved ones were away. The contents of each kit are designed to help family members reconnect after deployment and to encourage parents to engage with their keiki. Also included in the kits are letters written by youth groups and community members personally thanking each kit recipient. Mahalo to the Hawaii 4-H Youth Development Program, C & S Wholesale Grocers and the Hawaii Department of Education for supporting Hawaii’s military families and the FIT Kit service project. For more information or to get involved, email omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

Kiki Yoshimoto

Hawaii Adventure Camp 2013

Military teens ages 14-18 that reside in the Pacific Rim region had the opportunity to participate in the July 21-26 military teen adventure camp. This summer marked the second annual Hawaii Adventure Camp (HAC), held at Camp Erdman on the North Shore of Oahu. 50 campers from Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa and Guam took part in this high adventure and high energy camp which was hosted this year in only ten select states across the nation. Through special funding from NIFA, USDA and the U.S. Department of Defense, the Military Teen Adventure Camps are free to attend with majority of all travel costs covered. HAC 2013 focused on 3 major themes: Physical fitness, mental fitness and personal leadership. Some of the activities the campers had the opportunity to participate in were surfing, standup paddle boarding, horseback riding,
snorkeling and various team development courses. The key element of this specific camp was the incorporation of daily “Mindfulness” sessions. Mindfulness is the ability to focus on the present moment with acceptance, which is instrumental in fostering mental fitness. The mix of mindfulness practice, recreational fun and team building challenges provided the campers the opportunity to enhance their problem solving and leadership skills while building strong connections with other military-connected teens from around the Pacific Rim.

The Hawaii Adventure Camp was made possible through a joint venture between the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii OMK and the YMCA Camp Erdman.

Kiki Yoshimoto

Kindness...Generosity...Thoughtfulness

Dear 4-H Friends,

Thank you so much for the Going Away goodies. I am not just talking when I say I will shed a tear when I leave. I will really miss it here, especially the friends that I worked with while living here.

Taking your Aloha with me,
Kim (Lockwood)

(Kimberly Lockwood is the former Keyblade Bearers' 4-H Club Leader on Oahu. She and her husband LTC Michael Lockwood, and sons, Jacob 2012, and Joseph 2016 are leaving in mid July. They will be visiting family in Washington State where they will pick up their cars and drive to Mike's next military assignment at the Pentagon. They will be living in Virginia. Kimberly was our 2013 WRLF Hospitality Room Hostess and helped plan numerous Oahu 4-H County events and gatherings. Best wishes to you and your family!)

4-H Spotlight Project

Ever suck a bug or make mud pies to evaluate soil texture? The JMG teacher/leader guide provides teachers with the tools to teach the world of gardening with eight chapters of novel, "hands-on" activities for grades 3 - 5. The program includes a study of life skills and career exploration then culminates the JMG experience with service learning projects and recognizes children's efforts with a certification as a Junior Master Gardener.

This curricula is available to borrow from the Urban Garden Center.
Other Opportunities

ABC Summer of Service Awards
Deadline: September 1

ABC, in partnership with YSA, is calling on young change-makers to apply for an ABC Summer of Service Award. The ABC Summer of Service Awards recognize young people who are creating positive change through volunteering and service. Winners receive a $1,000 award to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Young change-makers, ages 5-18, who live in and around ABC-affiliate communities are eligible to apply by midnight on September 1, 2013. Visit www.YSA.org/ABC

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

In observance of 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, Blue Star Families, a non-profit organization that supports, connects, and empowers military families, will be hosting service projects across the country and encouraging others to host their own service projects to honor the victims and the lives that were forever changed as a result of 9/11. Hosting a service project on or around 9/11 is a great way to produce tangible results and to stress the importance of creating an atmosphere of 'shared service' – exactly what the 4-H stands for!

In the aftermath of 9/11, we witnessed what makes our country great: the fact that Americans from all different types of backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures, share the same sense of unity, patriotism, and the desire to help one another. From the heroic deeds of the 9/11 first responders, to the men and women who were inspired to enlist in the military, to the service members and their families who have and continue to sacrifice, we are a nation comprised of heroes who aren’t afraid to serve for the betterment of our nation. As we mark the twelfth anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11 and the start of Operation Enduring Freedom, let’s stand together once again and honor their service with service of our own.

If your 4-H State or club is interested in joining the 9/11 Day of Service Campaign with Blue Star Families, please review the attached PowerPoint presentation. If you have any questions or would like to register your project directly with Blue Star Families, email OHC@BlueStarFam.org.

We hope your group can participate, as we honor their service with community service!

Dr. Carol A. Benesh
National Program Leader
Military, Child and Youth
Division of Youth and 4-H