

“Around Town” - LCHC Summer Program

Lāna‘i Culture & Heritage Center offers students a special summer Program on the Land, June 13-July 8, 2016

Calling all students grades 7 to 12. You are invited to participate in a place-based stewardship camp this summer as a part of the E ‘Ike Hou Iā Lāna‘i—Cultural Literacy Initiative between June 13 to July 8, 2016. This year’s program marks the fourth in the series of place-based stewardship initiatives which engage Lāna‘i youth in learning about the diverse natural and cultural landscape of our island home. Partners in the program series have included but not been limited to Lāna‘i High & Elementary School, Pūlama Lāna‘i, Honua Consulting, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai‘i Pacific University and the Sea Education Association, UH-Maui College, Read to Me International, Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center, 808 Urban, Kumu Pono Associates LLC, and many community volunteers.

The program was originally funded through a grant from the Native Hawaiian Education Act (NHEA), and completed a successful three-year curriculum in August 2015. Excitement about place-based education, where Lāna‘i’s environment serves as the living classroom, inspired individuals and organizations to provide new funding to offer another program this coming summer. (Lāna‘i Culture & Heritage Center is a charitable organization supported through donations and grants.)

The Lāna‘i Culture & Heritage Center is privileged to partner with teachers from Lāna‘i, Hawai‘i Island, O‘ahu, Moloka‘i, and Harvard University, who will be joining the program in 2016 to inspire our youth to cultural and place-based stewardship. Lāna‘i High & Elementary School, Pūlama Lāna‘i, Honua Consulting, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers—Lāna‘i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center are also partnering to offer this summer program to our youth.

Students will explore the topography, geology, biology, botany, ethnobotany, watershed management, natural resources, and history of Lāna‘i. The program will provide students with first-hand experiences in videography and film editing; and real-world applications of math, mapping, science and the collection of GPS data points. Students will also be challenged to employ critical thinking and problem solving techniques as they interpret what they are seeing in the natural and cultural environment. These activities seek to provide our youth with tools they will need as they become the future leaders of Lāna‘i.

The summer 2016 program is being offered free of charge to participants, and being supported through the generosity of the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority’s Kūkulu Ola Living Hawaiian Culture Program Grant, the Lāna‘i Archaeological Committee, Donna Schaumburg (In memory of Howard Keliikahaloa and Elaine Mabel Akau Kaopuiki, Jr.), and through the efforts of community volunteers. Families will be asked to contribute to meals for their children, particularly during the Waia‘ōpae Fishpond restoration camp. The four-week camp will culminate in a Community Hō‘ike (Display) of their projects and experiences on July 8th. To see student-developed documentaries on previous the NHEA-student programs, or for more history of Lāna‘i, visit www.lanaichc.org.

To learn more about the cultural literacy program, and to register, please contact Mikala at the Lāna‘i Culture & Heritage Center (808.565.7177) or email mikala@lanaichc.org / kepa@lanaichc.org.

Summer 2016 Week-at-a-Glance

Week 1 (June 13-17)

Cultural Anthropology/Archaeology - Hawaiian Dryland Agricultural Field System, and Haku Mele/Creative Writing

Week 2 (June 20-24)

Lāna‘i Hale Watershed Ecosystems & Maunalei Valley Sustainable Cultural Landscapes and Haku Mele/Creative Writing

Week 3 (June 27-July 1)

Maunalei Valley Sustainable Cultural Landscapes & Waia‘ōpae Fishpond Restoration Camp and Haku Mele/Creative Writing

Week 4 (July 4-8)

Class Project Reports, Video Presentations Resource Management Planning, Haku Mele/Creative Writing, and Community Hō‘ike



Participants in the summer program explore our aina from mauka to makai.



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