

**Oahu 4-H Newsletter**  
**March 2016 Issue**

March	4	Executive Board meeting-4:30 pm
	4	Communications Fair workshop-6:00 pm
	19	State Leaders 4-H Federation zoom meeting, 9 am
	24	Oahu 4-H Communications Fair
April	3	Oahu 4-H Leaders' meeting, 1 pm Moanalua High School
	8	EYSC applications due
	14	Hawaii military 4-H meeting, 9 am Catlin Clubhouse
	15	Purple Up! For military kids day
	23	Aloha Aina Day-Moanalua Elementary School

**President's Message**

"Aloha 4-H'ers!

The Communications Fair is right around the corner. It will be an exciting time for everyone to talk about something they're passionate about. The fair will be on Thursday, March 24, 2016. Hope to see everyone there!

Also, mahalo to those who came to the Communications Fair workshop and to the Friendship Magic, Green Whales, and the Farrington FCCLA for coordinating the workshop. I hope everyone had a good time and learned something from our outstanding guest George Kon, the executive director for The Alliance for Drama Education.

*Shaina Acosta*

**Time Change for "4-H Grows Here" Communications Fair**

Thursday, March 24, 2016  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Agricultural Sciences Building – 1955 East West Road  
**5 pm – Please note the change**

*Friendship Magic/Green Whales*

**4-H Post to Boast Contest**

*It is time to gear up for the 4-H Post to Boast contest!*

4-H Post to Boast is a contest where you and/or your club can create a poster showing one project you've been working on over the past year. Whether cooking, gardening, or photography, we'd love to see your accomplishments.

This would be a great project for your club historians, photographers, or artist to take on. Entries can be individual or as club, and ribbons will be awarded. Submissions are due May 1st, 2016, so get working!

### **Contest Guidelines**

- Each club is allowed to submit one club entry or club members can individually submit one entry per member.
- Participants can design a poster through a digital medium (Microsoft powerpoint, Photoshop, Microsoft Word, Paint, etc) OR submit a picture file of a physical photo.
- Posters can include photos, drawings & text. All work cannot be copyrighted material & must be age appropriate.
- Poster content must reflect project work done during the 2015-2016 4-H year (Oct. 1, 2015 - Present)
- Submitted by 11:59pm on May 1, 2016

### **Submission**

Send your photo file to [military4-H@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:military4-H@ctahr.hawaii.edu). Along with the file attachment, please indicate:

Club Name

Type of Submission:

☐ Club or Individual (If individual, name of individual submitting entry)

Age Division:

- ☐ Cloverbud (5-8 years old)
- ☐ Junior (9-11 years old)
- ☐ Intermediate (12-13 years old)
- ☐ Senior (14 years and older)

(If group entry, enter the age division of the oldest member in your group)

Name of club leader

### **Judges will be making submissions based on the following criteria:**

- Scope of Project Work (40 points)
- Storytelling Ability (15 points)
- Creativity/Originality (15 points)
- Neatness (15 points)
- Meeting poster requirements (15 points)
- Post to Boast Scoresheet

Ribbons will be awarded based on Danish system (Blue, Red, White) for junior, intermediate and senior divisions. Participation ribbons will be awarded to Cloverbud participants.

Check out contest details on: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4H/posttoboast>

If you have questions, please contact [military4-H@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:military4-H@ctahr.hawaii.edu)

### **Communications Fair Workshop**

Thank you to the Friendship Magic and Green Whales Clubs for coordinating the fun workshop. Also to Linda Uyehara and Farrington FCCLA for providing the venue. Hopefully, many 4-H'ers will be inspired to participate in the upcoming Communications Fair!

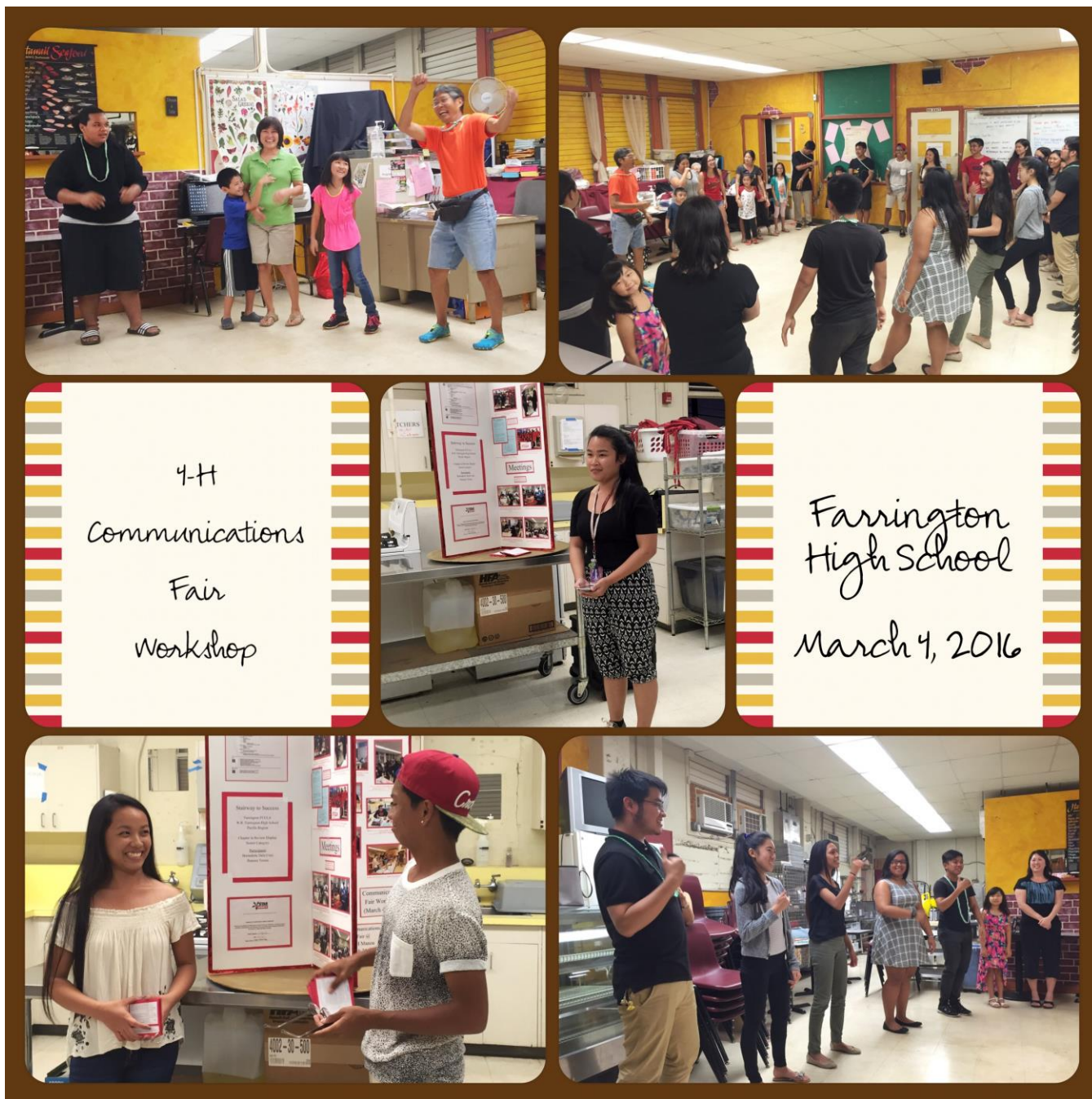


Photo Montage By Cindy Fukunaga

## 4-H STEM Clubs

4-H STEM clubs allow for youth to get hands on experience with complex science concepts, helping shape our next generation of innovators and scientist, all while having fun. 4-H offers curricula in different Science and STEM topics. Helemano 4-H Community Club focuses on STEM projects. They worked on a geology project this year from Utah's Discover 4-H curriculum.



### *Helemano 4-H Club's Rock Collection*

Catlin Club House 4-H Club participated in National Youth Science Day's Motion Commotion but also holds 4-H Science activities throughout the year and will be using the Junk Drawer Robotics curriculum this spring break.

### **Hawaii 4-H Mentoring Project Training**

This summer, the Hawaii 4-H Youth Development Program is offering an opportunity for a team of two teens and an adult to take part in a 3 day, 2 night 4-H mentoring training June 10-12, 2016 . The training will provide the teams with tools to facilitate a short term 4-H (Science or Healthy Living) project learning experience for youth in grades K-5 during the coming school year. Costs for the training will be covered. In addition, funds will be allocated to the Youth-Adult teams to cover project expenses.

The application form for Youth-Adult Partnership teams for the "Engaging Youth, Serving Communities (EYSC) - Hawaii 4-H Mentoring Project" II and details about the project and commitments can be found on our Hawaii 4-H website. **Please note that applications are due April 8, 2016.**

*Joan Chong*

### **Filing of 990's**

Even though we don't have tax exempt coverage yet, Hawaii 4-H clubs, federations and councils are reminded to go online and file your 990 form. You will need your EIN and the address that your number is registered with.

### **April 3, 2016 Oahu 4-H Leaders' Meeting**



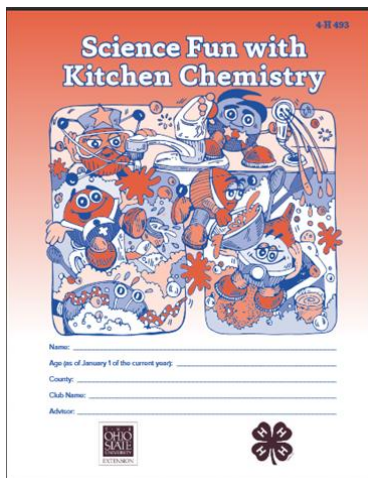
The next scheduled Oahu 4-H Leaders' meeting will be on Sunday, April 3, 2016, 1 pm at Moanalua High School Room F201. Agenda items include: election of 2016-17 officers, calendar of events for 2016-17 and planning for the Aloha Aina day service project.

### CTAHR Ag Day

Thanks to environmental chemist Traci Sylva and her assistant Ernesta, Oahu 4-H shared a "Protect Your Water" learning activity as part of the 2016 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resource's Ag Day. The event was held at the Waimanalo Experiment Station. 365 fifth graders from 9 Windward elementary schools participated in Ag Day, 189 of which took part in this activity. Funding for this project was provided by the Disney Conservation funds through National 4-H Council.



### Project Spotlight



4-H has a new curriculum called Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry. This curriculum is easy to follow and inexpensive. The supply list for activities is simple with easy to find items, making this curriculum great to use for beginner STEM leaders and younger audiences.

*You can find 4-H curriculum at [www.4.hmall.org](http://www.4.hmall.org)*

### Other Opportunities

**Was It Really Like the Martian?**

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## Real Mars? Or just Oscar fiction?

**Saturday, April 9 • 2-4 PM**

**President's Hall • 42 Puiwa Rd., Honolulu**

Open to ages 11 – 17

**Curious About Mars?:** Dr. Ian Rowland, planetologist at UH School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology will speak about the geological features and planetary conditions of Mars and if Matt Damon would truly have survived! Limit 50.

**Cost:** \$5 per Scout or Non-Scout. FREE for Scout and Friend with a completed BSA application to join Scouting!

**Here's the link to RSVP:** <http://www.alohacouncilbsa.org/event/1871482>

**Questions?** Call 595-0857

**Do you STEAM?**

**Check out our Scout Academy STEAM booth at Makahiki!**

**Saturday, May 14 • 9:00-3:00 • Ala Moana Beach Park**

## National 4-H Program Assistants Needed

Do you know a college student who has a passion for government, history, political science, education, public speaking, or leadership? We are looking for individuals with a **passion for working with young people**. If this brings someone to mind please encourage them to apply for the position of [Program Assistant \(PA\)](#) at National 4-H Conference Center!

Application deadlines are quickly approaching and we want to give 4-H alumni and collegiate 4-H'ers an opportunity to apply for this amazing opportunity for their summer. Our PA's will be making a difference in the lives of thousands of high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program in Washington, D.C.

### [CWF Program Assistants](#) will:

- Develop and facilitate a unique program experience for over 1,500 high school-aged 4-H'ers from across the country in Washington, D.C.
- Lead CWF delegates in experience based citizenship curriculum through tours and workshops
- Develop and refine teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills in a fast-paced and fun environment
- Become a licensed D.C. tour guide
- The CWF PA experience begins in mid-May and ends in late July

Please reference the job descriptions for more information and application materials. If you have any questions, please contact Maria McNeely at [mmcneely@4hcenter.org](mailto:mmcneely@4hcenter.org).

*Maria McNeely*

## Staying Healthy and Resilient Video Contest

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is pleased to announce the [My Preparedness Story: Staying Healthy and Resilient Video Challenge](#). Taking action ahead of an emergency can help individuals, families, and communities fully prepare to prevent or minimize potential health impacts. Young people can help their families, friends, and communities become stronger by protecting their health during disasters and every day.

This contest invites young people between the ages of 14 and 23 to create a short video, 60 seconds or less, that answers the question, "How are you helping family, friends, and community to protect their health during disasters and every day?"

**Help us spread the word. It would be great to have 4-H'ers win this national challenge!**

## White House Announces New Summer Opportunity Project



*The Summer Opportunity Project will give young people access to their 'First Job,' and encourage investment in programs supporting summer meals and learning.*

“Let’s make sure every young person knows that in America, we’re all committed to helping them achieve their dreams.”

-President Barack Obama

Summer is a critical time for young people, and for many young Americans, it is also a crucial time to look for a first job—an important step in building skills and experiences for their future. Yet for a young person looking to start off in the workforce, the prospect of finding a job with a blank resume, limited education, and no meaningful connections to employers can be daunting. A study found that last summer nearly 46 percent of youth who applied for summer jobs were turned down. The summer “opportunity gap” can contribute to gaps in achievement, employment, and college and career success, particularly for low-income students who lose access to critical supports that keep them safe, healthy and engaged during the school year. Summer opportunities have been shown to divert youth from criminal involvement and reduce overall violence, and they also offer a chance for young people to get their first exposure to the workplace and build financial skills that they can build on throughout their lives. But these benefits are only possible if young people can find those opportunities.

To meet this challenge, state and local leaders, community-based organizations, private sector leaders, philanthropic leaders, schools and other youth-serving agencies are coming together to create a set of supports that enable strong transitions from school year to school year and from high school to college and to create careers by implementing and spreading proven interventions. The Summer Opportunity Project is a multi-agency effort in partnership with the National Summer Learning Association and other collaborators to provide support to communities. The Project aims to significantly increase the percentage of youth in evidence-based summer opportunity programs, decrease the percentage of youth experiencing violence over the summer, and—more broadly—make sure that young Americans have the support they need to get their first job.

Research shows that Black and Hispanic teenage boys lag behind their peers in summer employment and year-round jobs. This employment gap broadens as young men get older, making them the highest percentage of the nearly seven million youth 16-24 disconnected from school and work. That’s why the President’s My Brother’s Keeper Task Force recommended to the President in May of 2014 strengthening the case for summer youth employment and launching a cross-sector campaign to reduce summer learning loss and increase the number of job and internship opportunities for all young people. Today’s announcement builds on the Task Force’s commitment to this critical issue, and will engage the more than 200 communities that have accepted the My Brother’s Keeper Community Challenge and scores of cross-sector organizations working to expand opportunity for all young people.

The Summer Opportunity Project will be launched today at a White House Summer Opportunity workshop and Champions of Change event that highlights local leaders making a difference in this space and brings together key stakeholders from around the country to share best practices and collaborate on future plans.

## 2016 Global Youth Service Day



**Global Youth  
Service Day**

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 environment, consider these service opportunities:

- [National Environmental Education Week](#) (April 17-23) - Hosted by the National Environmental Education Foundation, [EE Week](#) is the nation's largest celebration of environmental education held each year the week before Earth Day and inspires environmental learning and stewardship among K-12 students.
- [National Park Week](#) (April 16-24) - Get a free pass on GYSD. During National Park Week, every national park will give you free admission! On National Junior Ranger Day - April 16, parks will invite young visitors to explore, learn, protect and be sworn in as junior rangers. If you want to roll up your sleeves and pitch in with a project, look for a park where you can help out.
- [Earth Day](#) (April 22) - Our planet is currently losing over 15 billion trees each year due to deforestation, land development, and bad forest management, EDN is announcing Trees for the Earth (#Trees4Earth), a plan to plant 7.8 billion trees by Earth Day's 50th in 2020. That is one tree for every person on the planet!
- [Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup](#) is the nation's largest annual community improvement program that harnesses the power of volunteers to build vibrant communities. Each year over 1,200 organizations engage volunteers to take action in their communities through events focused on waste reduction, recycling, beautification and community greening.

Want to [pick your own GYSD project](#)? Visit our [Environment cause page](#) for ideas.