Cooperative Extension

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
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Aloha!

Are you ready to explore the University of Hawai'i - Hilo campus, learn life skills, meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones? Then the 4-H 'Aha'ōlelo Conference is for you!

The last time the 4-H 'Aha'ōlelo Conference was held was in 2013. We are excited to bring back this opportunity to you!! This year's theme is *Beyond This Moment*. The four-day program includes educational, recreational, and social events. Participants stay in university dormitories, will eat campus meals, and survive without sleep for much of the week.

4-Hers in 9th-12th grade may attend, as well as screened adults who will serve as chaperones. In addition, each participant is required to complete the attached registration form, Media Release, Health form and Code of Conduct.

The 4-H 'Aha'ōlelo Conference will be held July 13-16, 2020 at the University of Hawai'i - Hilo campus. As you plan your flight arrangements, we ask that you arrive in Hilo between 8:30 AM - Noon on July 13th and schedule your departure for after 6:00 PM on July 16th. We will be providing transportation, so we want to make sure that we have enough time to get everyone picked up and delivered to the UH-Hilo campus and at the conclusion of the conference we would like to make sure we have plenty of time to get you back to the airport so you can check in and get to your flights on time.

If you are interested in participating, we ask that you contact your 4-H Agent to let them know of your interest no later than **May 1, 2020**. You will need to submit your completed registration form and payment to your county extension office by **May 31, 2020**. Thanks to the generosity of the East Hawai'i 4-H Federation, they will use some of their 4-H Paper Clover funds to offset a large portion of this year's costs to help delegates statewide. This year's cost of registration for the 4-H 'Aha'ōlelo Conference will be $150, which is a $125 savings from past conferences. This is a steal of a deal!! Your registration fee will cover your lodging for 3 nights, meals during the conference, t-shirt, ground transportation to and from the airport and program costs. Each participating delegate, chaperone and extension staff will need to pay the registration fee. Each county will be responsible for sending a screened adult chaperone to accompany the group (one adult per eight 4-H'ers).

The conference will also include the annual Ali'i Banquet, and county sharing by 4-Hers. This is a time for the counties to exhibit or demonstrate what their county 4-H program is all about. Each presentation should be no more than 15 minutes. This will be a dress up event because there will be donors and other guests present.

We are still finalizing plans for the workshops that will be conducted by various presenters...however, each day is devoted to one of the four H's (Head, Heart, Hands & Health) and skills learned at the conference will take you BEYOND THIS MOMENT and back home to your counties. Workshops are aimed to teach attendees how to best utilize their skills to create a more productive and positive change around them. Workshops will range from community service to hands-on and engaging activities.

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Gift to the Ali‘i ~ Need Your County’s Help ~

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. If you plan to bring items that will need to be refrigerated, please let us know this in advanced so we can make arrangements to store these items for your county.

Looking for Talented 4-Hers & Creative Writers

Are you an inspiring, talented 4-Her that would be interested in serving as entertainment during our morning assemblies and/or at the Ali‘i Banquet? Those who are interested in performing can submit a short audition video clip by February 29th to Catherine Chow at mchow96749@gmail.com and if they are selected will earn a $50 scholarship to apply towards their registration fee.

We are also looking for a few 4-H members willing to serve on the 4-H ‘Aha‘ōlelo Conference News Team. This team would be responsible for writing articles and compiling them into a newsletter to be distributed shortly after the conclusion of the conference. Those interested in being on the team will need to contact and be recommended by their county agent. Those selected will earn a $50 scholarship to apply towards their registration fee.

Dress Code

The dress code is casual for most of the 4-H ‘Aha‘ōlelo 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 Hale Kauanoe residence hall. The address is 525 W Lanikaula St, Hilo.

Transportation

Please arrange for flight reservations to arrive before Noon on July 13th and departure after 6:00 PM on the July 16th. We will be transporting participants to and from the airport, and providing transportation to certain workshops and events.

‘Aha‘ōlelo Conference Instagram Page

We have set up a 4-H ‘Aha‘ōlelo Conference Instagram page for you to follow our updates and to see pics during the conference. We want to encourage you to take photos and tag us too! You can search for us at “Ahaolelo2020”.

Deadline Reminder

May 1, 2020 - Please give us a count and names of those who will be attending.
May 31, 2020 - Registration forms and money due.