



# IMPACT REPORT

Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation Summer Program

Hālau  
Lamakū



2021 July



In July 2021, the Hualālai ‘Ohana Foundation created a two-week summer pilot program for children of Hualālai Resort employees. Hālau Lamakū: An EPIC Summer Adventure at Kalaemanō was created as a way to address the gap for parents during a busy summer for working families.

# Hālau Lamakū: AN EPIC SUMMER ADVENTURE AT KALAEMANŌ

LAMA signifies “light” or “enlightenment”- evoking learning, knowledge and understanding.

Hālau Lamakū honors the Lama tree, a native dry forest tree that grows in Hawai’i and nowhere else in the world.

Our summer microscool offered place-based enrichment learning for keiki, welcoming young explorers in grades K-6 to discover Hawai’i and strengthen their connections to their island home, and to the *ahupua’a* (land division) of Ka’ūpūlehu. Explorers engaged in hands-on activities, crafts, games, outdoor exploration, art and observation grounded in Hawaiian culture, science, math, and art. Explorers voyaged from deep ocean to deep space and everything in between. The program provided social and academic stimulation for

local children in a safe environment, inspiring pride and connection to Hualālai among employees' children.

Hualālai ‘Ohana Foundation worked with the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center program to deliver the program at Kalaemanō Interpretive Center. Four Seasons Hualālai sponsored the snacks and lunches for the children, teachers and volunteers. In all, the program served 40 keiki who were supported by 5 teachers and 2 assistants. The program's

location made it easy for employees to drop their keiki off in the mornings before work.

Children received two snacks and a healthy lunch each day. A backpack filled with school supplies, observation journals, and take home materials added excitement to the program. Participants also received a reusable water bottle and beach mat for outdoor journaling on the lawn.



# Keiki Activities

GIANT BUBBLES BALLOON  
ROCKET SLINGERS

Keiki connected with the natural, living, learning environment around them and journaled each day in a "kilo" activity. "Kilo" is the Hawaiian word for "observation". A poster contest at the end of the week captured interpretations of the word "Ohana", reflecting the ocean, the trees, the land and a family connected to it.

Each program week ended in a performance of a *mele* (song) of Hualālai. Parents had the opportunity to see the different activities students participated in. Poster contest awardees received special recognition, along with gift cards to their favorite local retailers.



"My daughter loved all the crafts, learning about the culture & land, learning Hawaiian songs, and having time to play."

"Mahalo to the donors who made this program possible. It provided so much more than we expected."

COTTON BALL LAUNCHER  
TIN FOIL BOAT CHALLENGE

"My child loved the connection to the 'aina (land), learning to appreciate the history of the place and its people. Thank you so much for this opportunity. It offered way more than we expected and we look forward to next year's program." G.D.

"I am grateful my daughter could experience this unique program. She wouldn't have gone if it wasn't for your generous donations. Mahalo!" - K.K.

"My child loved the program. It was the first time in a group setting since COVID began. It was nice to see enthusiasm on his face when I picked him up. It was like he could be a kid again." L.S.



# Connect and Explore

## PA'AKAI SHARKS + REEFS

## LIMU 'ULU PUEO

### PA'AKAI

keiki learned how to make Hawaiian salt by visiting the ancient salt pans of Kalaemanō, once a center of commerce for Hawaiians.

### SHARKS + REEFS

keiki learned about shark anatomy and habitats, molded shark teeth and coral reefs by creating and painting polymer clay models.

### LIMU

keiki learned different kinds of limu and how to categorize Hawaiian Seaweed.

### 'ULU

keiki learned about breadfruit types and importance to Hawaiian people.

### PUEO

keiki dissected owl pellets, learned their natural habitats and created Hawaiian owl art

"This was an amazing program where outdoor play and culture were blended well together in a unique environment away from all the hustle and bustle. It felt safe." - H.K.

"Thank you to all the donors who helped fund this program. It was a wonderful experience for both myself and my child." K.C.

"Mahalo for your generosity and keeping our community and our children in mind. After the kind of year they've been through, this is exactly the kind of program to lift their spirits and remind them of the importance of playful learning. We are so grateful!" K.D.

"I really loved the cultural aspects of this program. My child loved everything and everyone. So grateful."



# Mahalo NUI LOA for all you do!

Our sincere appreciation goes to our *members, residents* and our *wonderful donors* for your outstanding support of our summer program.

The *Foundations and organizations* whose guidance on microschoools helped to inspire creativity and opportunity to help local families and children.

Our *Board of Directors and Education Committee* for being catalyst visionaries who put the wheels in motion, bringing this program to life and for generously opening your homes to our teachers. This is what family is all about and we couldn't do it without you.

The *Four Seasons Hualālai*  
for sponsoring meals and snacks for everyone.

The *Kalaemanō Interpretive Center* and  
*'Imiloa Astronomy Center*  
for providing the space and place-based learning grounded in Hawaiian culture, science, technology, art and math.

And to all of our *haumana, keiki and 'ohana* for supporting the mission of the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation, mahalo NUI loa for your partnership, support and trust.

*'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia*

- *No task is too big when done together by all.*

Mahalo nui loa,  
Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation  
Board and Staff

## HUALĀLAI 'OHANA FOUNDATION

Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation was established in 2002 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to provide a vehicle to allow residents the opportunity to contribute to the well-being and aloha spirit of our uniquely blessed community.

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