



SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 21, 2017

29th Annual Earth Fair & Conservation Career Day

(Univ. of Hawai'i-Hilo & Hawai'i Community College)

Dear Environmental Educator:

We extend an invitation to your school's K through 12th grade students and their teachers to attend the **29th Annual Earth Fair on Friday, April 21, 2017, from 9am - 2pm**. Once again the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH-Hilo), Hawaii Community College (HawCC) and the Conservation Career Day (CCD) are combining efforts to host a stellar Earth Fair experience for 2017!

Our Earth Fair provides a non-commercial forum to focus on environmental education from Federal, State, and local County agencies, nonprofit groups, and private organizations.

The Earth Fair is FREE and will again be held on the upper UH Hilo campus at the new Gym, Campus Center Plaza, and Library Lanai. Registration for school groups to attend Earth Fair is open now! Itineraries will be developed for groups in the order requests are received. The **Priority Deadline for Registration is Friday, March 10th**. Schools will be able to continue to register beyond the priority deadline until capacity is met.

This year's Earth Day celebration boasts educational videos, 50+ informational exhibits and science demonstrations, expert guest speakers, a motivational Keynote speaker, environmental science skill-building workshops, dance troupes, HICCUP Circus performance, hula, story tellers, facepainting, campus garden tours, an environmental career fair, and many other engaging activities. **Free plants, fruits, and other giveaways** will be available throughout the day.

Plan to have your class arrive at 9 AM and spend at least 2 hours enjoying the Fair's educational and entertainment activities. To ensure the attendance of your class, please promptly complete the [Earth Day Fair/CCD School Registration Form](#) and indicate the

activities you are interested in. ***Itineraries will be made on a first come first serve basis according to grade level, indicated interest and activity capacity. All efforts will be made to accommodate your activities of interest.***

College student volunteers acting as **University Campus Guides** and group itineraries will be available to assist registered school groups in finding Earth Fair and Conservation Career Day presentations and activities on campus. ***A college student with your itinerary*** will be assigned to your group and will meet your bus upon arrival. Do not leave your students with University Campus Guides, they are not chaperones; school teachers/chaperones are responsible for your students and must remain with your group. Details for drop off location will be provided with your registration confirmation.

NOTE regarding itineraries and chaperones: some activities and presentations may only accommodate up to 30 students at a time. School groups may need to be prepared to break into groups of 30 or less students, and your group will need enough adults to chaperone and manage each group of students while at UH Hilo campus.

Classes are encouraged to bring brown bag lunches or be prepared to purchase lunches at the fair. The 2016 Earth Day Fair is a **ZERO WASTE EVENT**, thus strongly discourage the use of throwaway packaging (e.g., plastic/foil wrappers and chip bags, as well as aseptic containers). ***For those students bringing their own lunches, please encourage the use of reusable containers. Mahalo nui loa!***

Need something for Middle & High School students?

Conservation Career Day

In collaboration with the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), 'Imi Pono no ka 'Āina, UH-Hilo Pacific Islands Programs for Exploring Science (PIPES) and the USDA Forest Service, Conservation Career Day (CCD) will outline the many employment and career opportunities within Hawaii's natural resources and emphasize the higher education pathways required for success in those fields via university faculty and professionals from participating organizations. We encourage all attendees to interact with CCD booths and especially encourage middle and high school students to explore the many career opportunities highlighted by CCD exhibitors.

NEW! Skill-building workshops and educational **sessions regarding sustainability and career pathways!** These sessions and activities are designed especially for **middle and high school students** to learn about scientific fieldwork and data collection methods. Expect workshops to range from 20 - 40 minutes in length; details will be provided with your group itinerary.

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT may be available. As an effort to *increase middle and high school student participation*, limited funds may be available for buses transporting (middle and high school youth will be the priority) groups to the fair. ***Transportation requests received as part of the registration process (Registration form below) by***

the March 10th deadline will get priority. If you have questions regarding this transportation support opportunity please contact Cat Spina at cspina@hawaii.edu.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE FAIR AT SCHOOL MEETINGS so that many classes from your school can come together.

Again, to ensure the attendance of your class, please complete the [Earth Day Fair/CCD School Registration Form](#) promptly.

If you miss the registration form priority **deadline of March 10th, and are still interested in registering please contact one of us immediately.** Every effort will be made to provide school groups that meet the priority registration deadline with their itineraries in the first week of April. Please provide all requested information on the form, as that information guides the itinerary development for your group.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us at the phone numbers listed below. Mahalo for promoting environmental education! We hope to see you at the 2016 Earth Fair!

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(Earth Day Fair School Registration Form)