



Na Kai 'Ewalu Canoe Club

Kahului Harbor

Newsletter

November 2005

Na Kai 'Ewalu Cultural Day!

Na Kai 'Ewalu is continuing to schedule cultural events to teach new members some Hawaiian traditions and to give back to the Maui community. On November 26, members will be going to Ko'ie 'ie Loko I'a, a fishpond in Kihei that is in the process of being restored. While there, we'll have an opportunity to learn about the fishpond's history as well as the restoration process. It's located next to Kalepolepo Park in Kihei. All members and their 'ohana are invited. We'll meet at the hale at 8:00 a.m. and drive over together. There will be a picnic for all who attend after. If you need a ride, call Josie at 281-4202.

Na Kai Fundraisers

Hey Keiki – time to start earning money! We're not having a fundraiser regatta this year. Instead, Josie will be ordering See's Candy Bars for you to sell – who can resist chocolate sold by the talented keiki of Na Kai! If you're interested in participating in this fundraiser, call Josie at 281-4202.

Na Kai Ewalu will be participating in this year's Festival of Giving at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center. We will be selling tickets for \$10, and will make a 100% profit on every ticket that we sell! The tickets can be used for discounts at local shops from 5-8 p.m. on November 12. While shopping on that day, people who buy the tickets can enjoy music, pupu, and door prizes. It's a great way to get some holiday shopping done early while helping out Na Kai at the same time. Josie will have the tickets available at the beginning of October, so try and sell as many as you can! If you have questions, call Josie at 281-4202.

The Search Continues...

On November 12, 2005 several of the kane of Na Kai will be going up the mountain to look for a Koa log. Best wishes to the men, and everyone else, get excited about our Koa canoe!

Master Blaster Coming Up!

Start training now for the Master Blaster! The 6 mile-6 beer race will take place this Saturday, November 5 on Molokai. Good luck to all those who entered – we know you've been training hard!

Coach Update

Hey members, the board is sorry to report that we don't have a new head coach. But don't despair! We're still on the lookout for the unique individual who will lead Na Kai 'Ewalu to another great season.

Don't Forget...

Na Kai is still holding practices every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 sharp. Uncle Boogie will be helping coordinate things while we are in the process of finding a new coach. Get ready for some canoe-surfing as we get into the winter months!

Congratulations!

To all of the men and women of Na Kai who completed the Molokai channel races – Great job everyone!!

Cultural Class Starts Soon

Beginning on Monday, November 14, 2005, we will be holding cultural classes every Monday to learn chants and other fun cultural stuff in preparation for our Koa canoe ceremony. Everyone should try to come as much as possible. We need to be ready to do all of the chants with the mana that Na Kai is famous for when we go to the mountain to get the Koa log!

A Big Mahalo!

Mahalo nui to everyone who contributed to and attended the pasta dinner held in honor of our Molokai Channel crews. It was a fun night, and the food was ono!

Also, much mahalo to all of the members who have been coming to Na Kai's cultural events. You all did an awesome job cleaning up the hale, going to the taro patch, and making the Hawaiian instruments. We hope to see more and more members at the upcoming cultural events.