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Give us a call and let us know your thoughts.

Sierra Club members are invited to attend our monthly meetings.

Meetings are usually held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to learn where and when the next meeting is and to add an agenda item you want to discuss.

For more information about the Sierra Club, please visit our websites:

Sierra Club, Maui Group: www.mausierraclub.org Please sign up for "action alerts."

Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter: www.hi.sierraclub.org Please sign up for "action alerts."

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SIERRA CLUB CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS FOR MAUI

Primary Election on September 18, 2010 - Please Vote!

United States

House of Representatives: Mazie Hirono

Hawaii

Governor: Neil Abercrombie

Lt. Governor: Gary Hooser
Senate District 4: Shan Tsutsui
House District 8: Tasha Kama
House District 9: Gilbert Keith-Agaran
House District 10: Angus McKelvey
House District 13: Mele Carroll

Maui County

Mayor: Sol Kaho'ohalahala
Pa'ia-Ha'iku Council Seat: Kai Nishiki
West Maui Council Seat: Elle Cochran
South Maui Council Seat: Wayne Nishiki

PLEASE VOTE IN THE MAUI GROUP EXCOM ELECTION

Please vote for the Sierra Club Maui Group Executive Committee (Board of Directors) whose two year term will begin January 1, 2011. There are nine members of the Maui Group Executive Committee and this year five seats are up for election. The Hawaii Chapter Newsletter "Malama" will have a ballot in it for voting. When you receive your Malama newsletter, please find the ballot page and follow the instructions and vote! Mahalo for your continued support. Together, we are making a difference protecting the environment of Maui for future generations to enjoy.

CHAIR'S REPORT

By Lance Holter

Hawaii Sierra Club has endorsed Neil Abercrombie for Governor of Hawaii as Hawaii's best Executive leader to enhance, protect and preserve Hawaii's unique natural resources. We have a wonderful opportunity to have a leader with Neil's legislative resume in Congress and Hawaii to establish, once and for all, the importance of our environment as the economic engine for our State.

I want to share some of Neil Abercrombie's answers to the Sierra Club questionnaire used recently to help the Chapter decide on this most important endorsement. These answers, together with a personal interview held recently with the Chapter Committee on the Big Island led the decision makers to endorse Neil unanimously. The following come directly from the questionnaire survey. **What do you believe are the top three environmental issues facing Hawaii? And, what is the top-environmental issue facing your constituency?**

"First, Hawaii needs to reform the way we get energy. We need to be able to develop and produce our own energy that we can use locally. This will make us more secure and able to recover in the event of a natural or mass disaster that shuts down imports. Just as importantly, it will conserve the energy expended to transport the fuels we consume, decrease the amount of greenhouse gases and other pollutants that are emitted and find new energy technologies that make the production and usage of fossil fuels obsolete.

Second, Hawaii needs a better prevention, management and response system for invasive species. The lack of an expansive and coordinated inspection/intake process for our ports, planes and cargo, allows

hundreds of alien species to enter our islands' ecosystems each year. With luck and a patchwork of efforts, we have managed to avoid the total decimation of a species, such as Guam's bird population experienced because of the brown tree snake. But our ecosystems have suffered and the natural environment of our archipelago is permanently changing. Continuing to leave this threat open and relying on luck is unacceptable.

The problems caused by alien invasive species not only impacts our natural resources, but our watersheds and water supply, plants and agriculture, shipping, commerce, business and even people's ability to sleep. Responding to outbreaks and repairing damage costs millions of dollars each year. Investing in a better preventive system will stop these problems from arising in the first place.

Third, the people of Hawaii need to become conscientious of our island environment and the impact our daily choices have upon our land and water. Reducing the amount of resources we consume will mean fewer imports while increasing our ability to become self-sufficient in the islands. My Administration will place a priority on helping businesses embrace change and find new ways to help people and families make smarter choices as simple as purchasing low flow toilets and locally grown food or as big as investing in solar energy for their homes. We need a governor who will advocate for these changes and live by example."

One of the advantages of having Neil Abercrombie as our next Governor is his deep relationships in Congress built over the last 20 years. Millions of dollars in grants and aid are waiting for Hawaii to be used on Environmental and Conservation projects. We believe Neil will be able to access these monies to advance important programs and initiatives. When asked what are some of Neil's accomplishments I was very impressed by this long list:

- Co-introduced and helped enact legislation to protect the endangered humpback whale and designate the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary in 1992.
- Introduced and passed legislation to ban the practice of shark finning in U.S. waters.
- Authored and introduced legislation to better understand and protect our marine mammals such as the beloved Hawaiian Monk Seal and Humpback Whales in the National Marine Mammal Research Program Act.
- Directed federal funding to the University of Hawaii to comprehensively study the sensitive hearing of marine mammals.
- Targeted Department of Defense funds to mitigate the effects of Navy training exercises in the marine environment by updating naval technology to avoid harming marine mammals.
- Used seat on the House Natural Resources Committee to play an instrumental role in passing legislation in the House to preserve our treasures: expanding Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park on the Big Island, expanding the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion on the North Shore of Oahu and resolving memorial disputes at the USS Arizona Memorial.
- In the Army's Compatible Use Buffer program, found funding to conserve large tracts of valuable land on Oahu in Waimea, Moanalua Valley, and Pupukeya and Paumalu. Secured House support and passage for legislation and funding for the National Tropical Botanical Garden to continue its operations on Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island, preserving Hawaii's tropical plant diversity and stemming the tide of extinction.
- Arranged a hearing in Hawaii by the House Committee on Natural Resources in 2004 to explore the serious invasive species problems in the Hawaiian archipelago. The hearing enabled us to analyze

Hawaii's efforts and identify areas in which the federal government could assist in the fight against invasive species.

- Helped obtain federal funding to prevent the spread of invasive species and assisted in House passage of legislation to stop the spread and begin the eradication of Guam's brown tree snake.
- Introduced and won House passage of the Hawaii Water Resources Act in 2005 to authorize projects in Kalaheo, Kealahou and Lahaina to ensure Hawaii residents have adequate potable water supplies.
- Worked to secure passage of the Dam Safety Act, which requires an updated inventory and assessment of dams in the United States and supported increased funding for these goals. Because of the Ka Loko tragedy, Hawaii has experienced firsthand the need to invest in basic infrastructure.

Sierra Club members understand the meaning of food security and realize that from many accounts Hawaii has a ten day supply of food on hand in the event of a crisis. Neil is well aware of these issues and when asked to expand upon questions dealing with food, water, farming, state boards and commissions here is his comment:

"Part of becoming more self-sufficient includes being able to produce more of our own food supply. This requires entrepreneurial farmers to have the land and water they need and ending the exploitation of policies by people who call themselves farmers when they are not. Agricultural land is for the growers who will produce our plants, food and energy. I agree with restricting residential housing on agricultural land but do not agree with an arbitrary square footage legal requirement.

"The ability to produce our own energy is of vital importance and growing feedstock for biofuels will no doubt increase in the coming years. Many projects have been proposed, switchgrass, jatropha, sugarcane and others. Although government is not in the best position to select which technologies will progress and become "the" energy solution for our state, there needs to be a standard in place for evaluating a technology's true worth. Energy output and usage, water consumption, byproducts produced, land needed and carbon footprint all need to be considered.

"Moreover, sensible management of our natural resources can only occur if land use and water decisions are made by people who are able to balance economic and population growth with smart growth and conservation principles. Moreover, these decisions must be guided by science and the best available information rather than politics."

It is comforting to know we have a leader available to us with the understanding of the great challenges and solutions needed to bring Hawaii into the position we should have as a beacon of light to the rest of America and the world regarding energy and food sustainability and the preservation of our Natural Resources, lands, coastlines and water.

In closing Neil says: "It is clearly obvious that Hawaii needs to spend more time and resources to protect its natural environment and iconic beauty. I do believe that our priorities have not been straight in recent years, and that we must agree that our natural environment is the lifeblood of our economy and diversity and the key to our long term survival."

The Sierra Club by endorsing Neil Abercrombie for Governor has made a decision to support the best gubernatorial candidate for the Environment. My hope, in sharing this Chair Report with you all, is that you will tell your family, friends, and acquaintances that Neil is qualified and understands what it

takes to lead Hawaii into a positive future, a future that has a place for our children and their children's children. To volunteer for the Abercrombie campaign, go to their website: www.neilabercrombie.com. Most of all remember to vote September 18 in the Hawaii Primary Election. Walk in voting at the County Clerks office (tele 270-7749) begins September 3 and you can request an absentee ballot from the clerk up to September 11th. Remember this Primary election may well be the most important election in the history of Hawaii.



The flyer features a central photograph of a rugged, mountainous landscape with a valley floor. The text is set against a green background with a subtle leaf pattern. At the top, the question 'Who Will Defend Our Environment?' is written in yellow. Below the photo, the answer 'THE SIERRA CLUB WILL!' is written in large yellow letters, followed by the invitation 'And you can too, become a member now!' in white. Contact information for membership is listed in white text, including a phone number, toll-free number, email, and website. The Sierra Club logo, featuring a tree and a mountain, is positioned to the right of the contact info, with the text 'SIERRA CLUB' and 'FOUNDED 1892' below it.

Who Will Defend Our Environment?

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And you can too, become a member now!

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UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

Ma'alaea Harbor Expansion: After re-evaluating past plans for Ma'alaea harbor expansion, Army Corps of Engineers consultants will be hosting community meetings by the end of the year to consider public recommendations to improve harbor safety and basic infrastructure such as restrooms, parking, ramps and mooring docks.

North Shore Heritage Park & Hookipa Expansion: Public support has been expressed for mauka expansion of Hookipa and Baldwin beach parklands as part of the Paia Reliever Road environmental review process. The council is expected to review the area in Maui Island Plan maps by the end of the year.

East Maui Streams: Implementation of the Water Commission's stream restoration decisions is gradually taking place along several East Maui streams. Community groups are also working to create a watershed management plan to provide more water security for their area.

Na Wai Eha Stream Restoration: The first water was restored to Waihee and north and south Waiehu streams in August. Adjustments may need to be made to ensure that kuleana water users (farmers who have constitutionally protected water rights) can still receive enough water for their

crops through modification of releases and delivery systems. Earthjustice has also appealed the Commission's decision to release only 12 mgd back to 2 streams, ignoring Iao and Waikapu streams.

Water Use and Development Plan (WUDP): Review of the draft WUDP for Central Maui continues in the Council's Water Resources Committee. The Water Resource committee meets at 9:00 am on the Tuesday prior to the first and the third Friday of each month. Check county website to confirm. WUDP is posted at www.co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?NID=213.

Hamakuapoko Wells: No resolution has been reached regarding use of the two low elevation wells, which had tested high for levels of agricultural chemicals DBCP, EDP or TCP, located in the cane fields above Old Maui High.

Sustainable Ag: Do you have ideas, land or crops to share. Do you need solid info about growing your own food? Go to: www.mauifoodweb.com

Fish Farm Education: Fish farms on the Big Island have been given a loophole by state regulators. Citizen groups have launched a drive to demand that the long term impacts of the unproven and resource intensive technology be disclosed through public review. For latest updates go to: www.foodandwaterwatch.org.

Big Island Fish Farm Proposal: Hawaiian Oceanic Technology, Inc. asked the Army Corps of Engineers to halt review of their project proposal to deploy twelve 165' X 165' Oceansphere cages to raise ahi off the North Kohala coast of the Big Island. Members of the Pono Aquaculture Alliance (www.ponoaqua.org), who were among 300 commenters asking the Corps to hold public hearings before making any decision, are hailing the permit withdrawal as a victory. It is expected HOTI will re-submit a new proposal to test one Oceansphere before pushing to implement larger plans, which call for raising 12 million pounds of tuna annually, and exporting more than 90%.

Regulation of Aquarium Fish: Maui County Council passed the "Aquatic Life Animal Control Bill" on August 24. The historic new law sets stringent permit requirements on aquarium collecting—for the first time in Hawaii. Mahalo to all who testified and to the council for their support.

Wastewater Injection Wells: Maui Group continues to work with the DIRE (Don't Inject, REdirect) coalition to find solutions to funding for county upgrades for sewage treatment and delivery systems for treated water. Consultations with state and federal authorities are ongoing.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): MG expressed concerns about energy use, promises of high tech jobs, and compliance with conservation district rules at the recent Conservation District Permit hearing. The 14 story telescope proposed for the summit of Haleakala would utilize public lands. Citizen groups, represented by Native Hawaiian Legal Corp, requested a contested case on the permit at the hearing, alleging that the permit did not follow laws governing protection of conservation lands. For updates: www.kilakilahaleakala.org.

National Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: The Sanctuary is updating their management plan. MG has testified in support of expanding the Sanctuary's mission to be ecosystem based and include other threatened and endangered marine species, coral reefs, water quality and

research and management support for sensitive near shore environments such as Makena, Olowalu and Honolua. Our sanctuary currently has minimal standards set. This is the time to update that approach. Comments are due by October 16. For information go to:

www.hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/management/management_plan_review.html.

Honolua Bay Development: Cleanups, plantings, reef monitoring and educational events are ongoing at this popular Bay. For updates, go to: www.savehonolua.org. Malama Honolua Bay contact Les Potts: lespotts@msn.com.

Wailea 670: MG submitted extensive comments on the 2000 page Draft EIS for the proposed 670 acre golf course-subdivision plan. Sierra Club Maui continues to advocate for a 130 acre preserve in the southern portion of Wailea 670 to protect numerous cultural sites, extensive Wiliwili groves that have survived wasp attacks, the endangered Blackburn Sphinx moth and 24 species of native plants. Comments from US Fish and Wildlife Service on the DEIS also confirmed that the agency has determined that 130 contiguous acres is necessary to protect habitat. The landowners have proposed a 22 acre preserve and a series of fragmented "native plant enhancement areas" surrounding golf course greens and gulches.

Makena Resort Rezoning: Public announcement has not been made, but private sources confirm that new buyers have been found for the 1800 acres of Makena Resort lands. Included in the new ownership are former partners Trinity Investments. MG will continue to monitor plans for this environmentally and culturally important area.

Makena State Park (Big Beach) Master Plan: Oneloa Coalition, a stakeholders group formed as a result of Makena Resort rezoning conditions, launched a survey to allow park users to share their ideas and preferences about the park's Master Plan. Please share your manao. Survey link: go to: www.savemakena.org.

CONTINUOUS SPECIAL SERVICE EVENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Maui Coastal Land Trust Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Restoration: Every Friday, 8:00 am to noon. Be a part of restoring an ancient fish pond and other sites which have a major cultural significance and participate in a remarkable learning experience. Go to Waihe'e and turn toward the ocean on Halewai Road (which also goes to the golf course). Turn left onto the dirt road marked "Maui Coastal Land Trust" and take a left through the inner gate at the beach parking lot and go to the green caretaker's house. For more information, please call Scott Fisher at the Maui Coastal Land Trust at 808 244-5263 and/or go to: www.mauicoastallandtrust.org and click on Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands. MCLT also offers a free guided walk of the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Call 244-5263 for more information and to make a reservation. Spots fill up quickly, so call early. The MCLT is a 501c3 charitable organization. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Honokowai: Every Saturday, 9:00 am to not later than 5:00 pm. This is a service trip and you will be helping in an archaeological stabilization, reforestation and education project known as Project Malama (to take care of) Honokowai. A very special experience! Simply meet at 9:00 am at the intersection of Honoapiilani Highway (between mile marker 25 and 26) and

Pu'ukoli'i Road at the "Sugar Cane Train" station parking lot in Ka'anapali. In the mountain valley above is a three mile long valley with significant archaeological ruins where an estimated 600 ancient Hawaiian families once lived. Please call 249-8811 in advance to sign up! For more information please go to www.mauiculturallands.org. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Community Work Day Cleanups: If you know places that need to be cleaned up and would like to organize it with friends or an organization you belong to, you can call Community Work Day at 877-2524 and they will provide you with trash bags, advertise your location in the newspaper to get more volunteers to help you, and coordinate having a truck come out and pick up all the trash you bag and leave along the roadside. Community Work Day is a 501c3 charitable organization and organizes these clean ups statewide five times a year. They are truly a wonderful organization!! For more information please go to www.cwdhawaii.org. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Additional Volunteer Activities: Please go to the Pacific Whale Foundation website at www.pacificwhale.org and click on "Get Involved" and then click on "Volunteering on Vacation." Or, you can call them at 808-249-8811 or at 800-WHALE-1-1. These are not Sierra Club activities.



MAUI GROUP HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Please be prepared for outings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Hiking boots are recommended and please trim your toenails. No kidding! Hiking can cause "tennis toe." A donation of \$5 (\$3 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. Please register early. Call the hike leader number shown below. Also, please check our web site, www.mauisierraclub.org, and click on Hikes and Activities for additional hikes and activities and/or changes which we have added after this newsletter was published. Mahalo!

We need more hike leaders. It is lots of fun. You pick the hikes. To be a hike leader, you need to read a 100 page book published by the Sierra Club on hiking, be certified in CPR and First Aid, and be a Sierra Club member. CPR and First Aid classes are 2 hours each and are offered by Kaiser (phone 243-6484) each month for \$20 each and we will reimburse you for the \$40 when you lead your first hike. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 for more information.

In the hike descriptions below: (C) means conservation such as discussing how to conserve this land for future generations to enjoy. (E) means educational such as visiting and learning about archeological sites and naming the plants and flowers. (D) is the round trip hike distance.

SEPTEMBER HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 11, 8 am to 2 pm: Red, White and Blue Candidate Picnic. Come meet the candidates and ask them questions! Kanaha Beach Park, Lae'ula O Kai Canoe Hale. Please go to www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui/picnic.html for map and details. You are invited to an old-fashioned election picnic to meet all the candidates, picnic with your family and friends, canoe race and play games. Donations benefit the Maui Sierra Club and Lae'ula O Kai Canoe Club.

8 am: Canoe race registration. Enter the canoe race - no experience necessary.

9 am: Canoe races start.

11 am to 2 pm: Food, Drink, Speechifying, Live Candidate Auction: Fun, free keiki activities.

Saturday, September 18: PRIMARY ELECTION!! PLEASE VOTE!!

Thursday, September 23, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Saturday, September 25: Community Work Day cleanup: "Get the Drift and Bag It!" Please call CWD at 877-2524 to find the cleanup nearest to you or watch for the listing of all cleanup locations in the Maui News. Mahalo for helping keep Maui beautiful! This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, September 26: From La Perouse Bay, hike south along the coast on the Kings Highway to Kanaio - one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui. Visit anchialine ponds (shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and archeological sites along the way. We actually walk off the recent lava flow onto the ancient shoreline where we explore further south including walking on the original ancient Piilani trail built in the 15th century. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 8

mile roundtrip all day hike. This hike goes further south than our regular La Perouse Bay hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D=8 miles RT.

OCTOBER HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, October 9: Explore Maui's North Shore. Swim in the Olivine pools, walk the Ohai Loop Trail at Papanalaho Point near Kahakuloa and visit the Nakalele Blowhole. The Ohai Loop Trail features native plants, including the endangered Ohai along with the more common nehe, ulei, akoko and aalii, plus native seabirds, turtles and whales in season. Bring swimsuit, camera and lunch. Meet 8:30 am Waihe'e School parking lot to carpool. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (E) (C) D = 5 miles.

Sunday Oct 17, 9am to 1 pm: Explore Huelo streams. Educational walk on kuleana lands (with owner's permission) discover ancient Hawaiian sites hidden in the jungles and learn about community efforts to restore native habitat and taro patches. Bring camera, water, lunch, stream hiking footwear and rain coat. Meet 9am at top of Door of Faith Rd, Huelo. Limit 15. Please call hike leader Lucienne de Naie to register. (E) (C) D = 2 miles.

Saturday, October 23, 8:30 am to noon: Community Work Day: Make a Difference Day Cleanup! To volunteer, please call CWD at 877-2524 for the cleanup nearest you. Mahalo for helping keep Maui beautiful! This is not a Sierra Club activity.



Saturday, October 23: Hike spectacular Skyline Trail above the timberline with vistas of the Big Island 100 miles away on a clear day. Observe numerous cinder cones from Haleakala's most recent eruptions. Strenuous five mile hike round trip at high elevation (10,000') begins and ends at Skyline trailhead parking lot near Science City at the top of Haleakala. Meet 8:30 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center (Bank of Hawaii). Carpool to top. \$10/car entrance fee to Haleakala National Park. Bring camera, water, lunch, hiking boots and warm layers of clothing. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (E) D = 5 miles.

Thursday, October 28, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

NOVEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS

Tuesday, November 2: GENERAL ELECTION!! PLEASE VOTE!!

Tuesday, November 9: Visit beautiful Kahanu National Botanical Garden in Hana and see the largest heiau in Hawaii. \$10/person entrance fee. This hike is very educational because all plants are named.

We will also visit the Hana Cultural Center and see a reproduction of an ancient village and old jail house and visit Hamoa Beach where we will have lunch and swim. Meet 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center and carpool to Hana. Bring lunch, bathing suit and camera. Limit 18. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 2 miles.

Saturday, November 13, 8:00 am to 1pm: Olowalu taro loi restoration and cultural reserve hike. Be a part of the historic restoration going on in beautiful Olowalu Valley and reward yourself with a guided Sierra Club hike along the legendary Olowalu stream with its shaded banks and ancient cultural sites. Meet 8am at parking area just Lahaina side of Olowalu General Store on Honoapiilani Hwy. Bring good footwear, gloves, water, lunch, hat, camera. Limit 15. Please call hike leader Lucienne de Naie at 214-0147 to register. (E) (S) D = 3.

Saturday, November 20, 8:30 am to noon: Community Work Day: Holiday Gift to Maui Nui Cleanup! To volunteer, please call CWD at 877-2524 for the cleanup nearest you. Mahalo for helping keep Maui beautiful! This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Saturday, November 27: Hike to Pauwela Point Lighthouse. Meet at 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center. We will walk from here. It is directly north through the pineapple fields. See where the lighthouse once stood and then walk down to sea level and swim in the "Birthing Pools" where we will have lunch. Bring your bathing suit, lunch and water. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Mitch Skaggerberg at 875-4970 to register. (C) (E) D = 3 miles.

DECEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS

Monday, December 6: Kanahena-Makena Historical tour 9am to 2 pm. Learn the history of the places you've driven by for years. The village of Kanahena, the Hawaiian Heiaus along the old King's Hwy (present day Makena Rd). The fishponds and fishing villages. Tour involves 3 stops (including lunch) with explorations by foot and includes private and public lands. Meet 9 am at Ahihi Bay Parking lot ("Dumps") Bring your lunch and water. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Lucienne de Naie at 214-0147 to register. (C) (E) D = 3 miles.

Sunday, December 12: Hike beautiful Kapalua Resort Trails. Maui Land and Pine has opened up these beautiful trails through pristine forests for the public to enjoy for free. We start at the Kapalua Resort Center (aka golf club house on Office road immediately above the Ritz Carlton at the intersection with Village Road). We must sign waivers there. Then, ML&P provides free buses to the top where the trail begins at approximately 1,500 feet. We will catch the 9:30 am bus. We then hike through the Maunalei Arboretum and up the Honolua Ridge Trail 2 miles to a spectacular mountain top view point of the West Maui Mountains. Many trees, flowers and plants are named along the trail and labeled endemic or indigenous if applicable. Very educational hike. From there we hike down the Mahana Ridge Trail 6 miles back to the Kapalua Resort Center where we parked our cars. All day hike. Meet at 8:00 am at Buzz's Wharf to carpool to Kapalua. If you live in the Lahaina area, meet at 9:00 am at the Kapalua Resort Center on Office Road. Please call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Limit 18. (C) (E) D = 9 miles: 2 miles of moderate upslope and 6 miles of moderate down slope.

Sunday, December 26: From La Perouse Bay, hike south on the Kings Highway to one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and archeological sites along the way. We have lunch and swim on a beautiful sandy beach. Bring swimsuit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. All day hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Limit 18. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 6 miles mostly level.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join the national Sierra Club or renew your membership, please go to www.sierraclub.org and click on "Join or Give." When you join the National Sierra Club, you automatically also join both the Hawaii State Chapter and the Maui Group and receive the National Sierra Club magazine and the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama." Malama means: "to take care of." The Maui Group newsletter is posted on our website at www.mauisierraclub.org and will be emailed to you if you sign up for "action alerts." And, you can email it on to all your friends to spread the word about how to protect Maui's environment. Please also go to www.hi.sierraclub.org and sign up for Hawaii Chapter "action alerts." The National Sierra Club now has over 1,300,000 members nationwide and is a leading organization in the fight to preserve the environment and stop global warming for future generations to enjoy. Think what America would be like today if environmentalists had not fought to preserve it 20, 40 and 60+ years ago. Did you know that "Big Beach" almost became a hotel? But because of environmentalists in the early 1970's, it was bought by the state for future generations to enjoy forever!! Please tell your friends to join!! Anyone can join for as little as \$25.00 per year.

Also, whether you are a member or not, everyone is welcome to surf our national home page at www.sierraclub.org. It is highly informative of all the projects we are working on nationwide. Anyone can sign up for national Sierra Club email alerts of environmental actions the national Sierra Club is taking and how you can help by emailing your elected Senators and Representative asking them to vote for vital legislation that will preserve our environment. Please also surf our Hawaii Chapter home page for State of Hawaii environmental news at www.hi.sierraclub.org, and our Maui Group home page at www.mauisierraclub.org for Maui County environmental news.

DONATIONS

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