

The Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation  
Catalog of Programs



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## About Us

Established in 2011, the Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation (KHLF) is a 501(c)3 community based organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Native Hawaiian cultural and historical sites of Kalaeloa via a 40-year lease to 77 acres on which it will establish and operate the Kalaeloa Heritage Park.

## Our Vision

As Kalaeloa is the wahi ho'okela, the Kalaeloa Heritage Park is the piko and wahi pana of Kalaeloa, where nā 'ōiwi mau loa – our ancestors and us – shall live forever.

## Our Mission

Through partnership, planning, advocacy, and stewardship the kupa'āina of Honouliuli accept the kuleana to preserve and protect our kupuna, historical sites, and mo'olelo of Kalaeloa. We are committed to ensuring that cultural traditions and practices of nā 'ōiwi 'o Kalaeloa are perpetuated.

## Programs available 2018

### Educational Programs

Guided Site Tour – An hour long, guided walking tour of the interpretive site is provided to visitors on a daily basis during Park hours. Groups may range in size from 5 to 25. Tours start at the kauhale where Participants are given an overview of the geological history of the area, ancient legends and stories that tie into the region and other historical events that occurred in and around the Park (i.e., Navy occupation, aircraft crash site, etc.).

Park staff guide the Participants through the Park and offer personal interpretations of the various physical structures and remnants based on their own knowledge and familiarity with the original cultural and archeological review developed by Dave Tuggle and Rubellite Johnson (which was included in the final Environmental Assessment for the Park).

Reforestation and Preservation of Native Plants – The KHLF partners with the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu (UHWO) Botany program, headed by Dr. Bruce Koebele, where students assist in the replanting or reforestation of native plants at the Park as part of their Service Learning program. Plants such as 'āhinahina o 'Ewa, 'āweoweo, naio, 'ulu, 'a'ali'i, maiapilo, and wiliwili – which are raised from seeds offsite – are brought to the Park to be replanted by students.

## Community Involvement

Community Work Days and Service Work/Work-Study – The KHLF holds monthly community work days that provide local community groups as well as interested individuals the opportunity to help mālama the Park. Participants are guided through various tasks (i.e., hand weeding, chipping, weed whacking, etc.) based on their level of ability. When the work of the day is completed participants are provided with a lunch and free tour of the Park.

The KHLF partners with various educational, vocational, and service oriented groups to provide service work/work-study opportunities. Participants are guided through various tasks (i.e., hand weeding, chipping, weed whacking, etc.) based on their level of ability. Work hours are monitored and proof of completion is provided to participants.

Feather-work Workshops – Hands-on feather-work workshops are presented by Park staff at the Park. Participants learn about the traditional methods for collecting feathers as well as resource conservation practices employed by ancient Hawaiian. Modern methods for creating feather-work pieces are demonstrated. For a nominal fee workshop Participants create one of several types of kāhili (i.e., ‘ahu ula, kāhili pa‘alima, etc.).

Place Names of Kapolei Workshops – Through the use of a large physical map, Park staff will provide a class on the ancient place names of Kapolei and other areas throughout the ‘Ewa Moku. Participants gain

an appreciation for the places within Kapolei by understanding the meaning and kaona related to the ancient or historical names.

## Fundraising Events

KHLF Annual Lū'au – The KHLF holds an annual fundraiser lū'au at the Park. The lū'au features entertainment, silent auction, craft sales by vendors, etc. Vendors from the 'Ewa Moku are preferred. Volunteers or other KHLF supporters are recognized at the lū'au and presented with certificates or other small gifts to acknowledge their assistance with meeting the Parks mission.

The KHLF Board of Directors provides a look back at the previous year as well as a look forward to the following year. Lawmakers for the 'Ewa Moku as well as the Hawai'i Community Development Agency (HCDA) and other KHLF partners and sponsors are invited to attend.

Ticket presales and other transactions are performed online via electronic means. Corporate tables are offered to KHLF partners or sponsors and all corporate tables are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. To minimize expenses donations of goods and services are solicited.

## Future Programs

### Educational Programs

Historical Structures – The KHLF will build and establish in the Park new rest stations, convenience areas, and covered/canopied areas in the traditional style (similar to the kauhale). Native materials will be used when available. Non-native materials will be used as necessary to ensure the structures meet current building codes or requirements. Participants will learn traditional and modern building methods and procedures. An advanced class would address the rebuild and refurbishment of existing structures. Participants will utilize all known ancient building methodologies and original materials.

Through a collaboration with the University of Hawai'i (UH) Hawaiian Studies Program, UH School of Architecture, and other Archeological partners, the KHLF will host workshops or field work activities where Participants review historical structures and attempt to interpret their design, purpose, construction, and use. 3-dimensional physical or virtual models would be developed and refined using historical references and other sources. Participants will draw inspiration from previous interpretations produced during the archaeological reviews by Dave Tuggle and Rubellite Johnson and couple that with knowledge, understanding, and insight derived from literature reviews of ancient mo'olelo and other sources to create better understandings of the physical structures.

Some of the topics for investigation and discussion will include:

- Analysis of structure and layout in relation to Hawaiian concepts of alignment
- Examination of ties between Kalaeloa and Tahiti through physical structures
- Historical significance of the Kualaka'i trail in the 'Ewa Moku
- Connecting ancient mo'olelo to physical locations (i.e., voyage of Hi'iaka to 'Ewa Moku)
- Building in alignment with nature using natural materials

Ancient Lifestyles Exhibit(s) – The KHLF will create live exhibits populated by trained personnel (or Park volunteers) that showcase traditional and ancient lifestyles at various points throughout the Park. The live exhibits will include reenactments of ancient practices (i.e., hale building, feather-work, food preparation, woodworking, hula, lua, etc.), all set physically in a historical context that resembles, as much as feasible, the actual way of life for residents of this area.

When the interpretive reimaging portion of the Park is completed, Park staff will guide Participants through interactions with the live exhibit personnel at various points along the tour. Exhibit personnel will dress and act as appropriate for people living in that bygone age. All interactions between exhibit personnel will be in 'ōlelo Hawai'i and docents will translate for visitors as necessary. Visitors will be encouraged to try their hand at some of the activities.



Stewardship and Land Management – The KHLF will teach methodologies for stewardship and land management on site at the Park. Participants will learn about the challenges associated with preserving the cultural, historical, archeological, and architectural landscapes at the Park. Experts or other professionals in the field will be on-hand to teach conservation, stewardship, and land management techniques. Potential partners include the UH Mānoa, HCDA, etc. A possible activity may include a review and discussion of the 2014 KHLF Conceptual Plan where Participants will help to define and refine the overarching conservation plan for the Park.

Park staff may export these classes to other locations to assist with the development of stewardship and land management processes. Park staff will help facilitate these discussions or workshops with the assistance of experts or other professionals in the field.

Self-guided Site Tour – The KHLF will offer self-guided, self-paced tours for small groups or those that prefer a more free-flowing park experience. KHLF will partner with software developers or providers (i.e., area public schools, UHWO/UH Mānoa, [www.onthisspot.ca](http://www.onthisspot.ca), etc.) to provide content and collaboratively create or build a self-guided walking tour application for the Park.

Park visitors will install the app which allows smartphone users to pull up historical information, pictures, and in-depth commentary based on their Global Positioning System (GPS) or map based location within the park. Videos and other rich media can be embedded in the application

to provide deeper understanding or context. The application will be for a very reasonable fee. Content will be updated on an annual basis.

Self-guided app tours will cost the same as the guided tour but allow better use of park docents. It is expected that 40% of park visitors will opt for the self-guided tour. Future releases could provide the application in multiple languages. The application will include links to the KHLF webpage(s) and provide the ability to donate directly from the app.

US Military History – Park staff provide a historical look at United States (US) Military history within the Kalaeloa region – including Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Marine Corps Air Station ‘Ewa, and Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point – from the 1940s to the present.

Some of the topics for investigation and discussion will include:

- Intersection of US Military and native Hawaiians
- Effects of militarization of Kalaeloa on the natural environment. Participants will discuss the impacts of militarization on the Kalaeloa area. Analysis and review of soils reports, environmental reviews and assessments, surveys, and other documentation will inform Participants on how exposure to the US Military has affected Kalaeloa.

Reforestation and Preservation of Native Plants – Currently Dr. Koebele utilizes greenhouse facilities at UH to grow seedlings before

transporting and transplanting at the Park. The KHLF will establish a greenhouse facility on site at the Park which will integrate aquaponics or hydroponics systems. Native and endemic plants will be cultivated for transplanting or reforestation throughout the Park.

Participants in this program will learn the difference between the two systems, the operation and maintenance of the system, and conduct various experiments cultivating native fish and plants. Participants learn about sustainable technologies and the curriculum is aligned with current science standards. Participants will also learn horticulture techniques as well as activities related to plant propagation, testing seeds for germination, grafting, composting and mulching, etc.

Output or product from the greenhouse and aquaponics/hydroponics systems may be available for sale in the visitor center.

Some of the topics for investigation and discussion will include:

- Effects of non-native or invasive species on the natural environment
- Canoe plants and botanical ties to Tahiti (i.e., 'ulu, kī, etc.)
- Plants native and endemic to the 'Ewa Moku
- Xeriscape

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) – A variety of STEM curricula would leverage the Park as a physical laboratory. The KHLF will partner with the Kamehameha Schools 'Ewa Region

Community Engagement and Resources department to develop the curricula. Existing partnerships with Department of Education (DOE) 'Ewa Complex STEM programs would ensure alignment with DOE standards. Participants in the program would utilize the natural resources and physical aspects of the Park as part of their place based learning.

Some of the topics for investigation and discussion will include:

- Mapping underground karst system and ancient rivers using drones and/or remotes
- Site mapping using ground penetrating radar or Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) systems
- Calculating the carrying capacity of the Park area in ancient times based on a physical review of the habitat
- Building structures using natural materials versus engineered or man-made materials
- Solar power generation and related experiments
- Wind power generation and related experiments

## Community Involvement

Docent Training – Park staff train interested parties to become docents at the park. A certification process will be created through which docent trainees are shadowed by a trainer until they are proficient and capable of handling tours solo. Docent training will allow participants to

convert time spent providing guided tours into completion of service or work-study requirements.

Hale Building Workshops – Cultural practitioners skilled in traditional Hawaiian style hale will provide workshops at the Park. Participants will learn about ancient methods as well as the names for the parts of a hale. Ancient and modern construction materials and techniques will be examined and compared. Hands on practice with lashing techniques will build skill and dexterity. Current laws and building code and their application with respect to modern hale will be discussed. A culminating project will consist of building a hale onsite using modernized materials. Participants will pay a nominal fee to the cultural practitioners for the workshop(s) attended.

Hawaiian Traditional Protocols Workshops – The KHLF will partner with expert cultural practitioners to provide chant and protocols workshops at the Park. Participants will be instructed in these traditional arts and provided with opportunities to learn the history of these arts as potentially practiced by ancient Hawaiians living in Kalaeloa. Participants will pay a nominal fee to the cultural practitioners for the workshop(s) attended.

Cultural Arts Workshops – The KHLF will partner with cultural practitioners skilled in mo'olelo, mo'okū'auhau, kakau, lua, hula, and lā'au lapa'au to provide related workshops at the park. Participants will be instructed in these traditional arts and provided with opportunities to learn the history of these arts as potentially practiced by ancient

Hawaiians living in Kalaeloa. Practitioners will pay a fee for using Park facilities. Participants will pay a nominal fee to the cultural practitioners for the workshop(s) attended.

- The kakau workshop will utilize pigments created with materials found at the Park.
- The lā'au lapa'au workshop will make use of plants growing at the Park such as pōpolo, pohā, kauna'oa, etc.
- A mutually agreeable partnership with a local kumu hula will provide the hālau with a permanent home at the Park in exchange for periodic hula workshops.
- Lua classes will be held with knowledgeable partner organizations

Woodworking Workshops – The KHLF will partner with cultural practitioners versed in traditional woodworking to provide workshops at the Park. Participants will learn about the various traditional tools and methods used in ancient times as well as the modern equivalent. For a nominal fee participants will be able to create one of several types of pieces (i.e., ihe, 'ō'ō, kuamo'o, papa ku'i 'ai, 'umeke, etc.). Practitioners will pay a fee for using Park facilities. Participants will pay a nominal fee to the cultural practitioners for the workshop(s) attended.

Mea 'ai Workshops – The KHLF will partner with DOH certified cultural practitioners to provide workshops on producing native foods from crops grown at the Park (i.e., 'uala, 'ulu, mai'a, kalo, etc.). Participants will learn about the various traditional tools and methods used in ancient times to create the foods as well as the modern equivalent.


Practitioners will pay a fee for using Park facilities. Participants will pay a nominal fee to the cultural practitioners for the workshop(s) attended.

Native/Endemic Plant Workshops – Participants in this class will learn the proper procedure for caring for the various native or endemic plants cultivated and planted at the Park. Hands-on lessons on proper planting and feeding techniques as well as pruning and maintenance will be provided. Participants will be encouraged to take home plants to practice propagation and further their skills. Participants will pay a nominal fee for the workshop(s) attended.

Makahiki – The annual celebration of Lono and the time of peace will be observed at the Park. Participants will learn about the historical significance of the time of Makahiki. Various chants, oli, and protocol will be demonstrated as Lono is welcomed into the Park. Participants will observe and participate in the traditional games that were played during this time of celebration.

## Fundraising Events

Mele at the Park – The KHLF will present an annual series of concerts featuring local, national, and international musical acts at the Park. Guests will pay an entry fee for access to the venue. The Park will provide partners and vendors with booth space to offer related goods and services during the concert, including food and beverages, for a nominal fee. Preference will be given to musical acts that align with Park mission and goals or offer cultural relevance.



Art at the Park – The KHLF will hold periodic art festivals at the Park. Local, national, and international artists – both professional and amateur – with cultural ties or alignment with the Park’s mission, goals, and values will be showcased. The Park will provide artists with booth space to exhibit their work as well as create and demonstrate their methods and practices for a nominal fee. Guests will pay an entry fee for access to the venue.

Craft Fairs – The KHLF will host periodic craft fairs at the Park. Booth space will be provided to local artisans and cultural practitioners to display, perform, or offer their goods and services to Guests. Vendors will be charged a nominal fee and Guests will pay an entry fee for access to the venue. Craft fairs will be held during traditional holiday gift or craft fair “seasons”.

Parties at the Park – The KHLF will rent designated grounds or space(s) at the Park for parties, lū’au, or other events. Fees for use will be based on headcount. A non-refundable service fee will be required to hold the grounds. Imu area will be available for an additional charge (kiawe wood will be provided at no charge). The KHLF will provide a list of pre-approved party equipment vendors who offer goods and services at competitive prices. Vendors can be listed as a recommended supplier for a nominal fee. Access to restrooms and parking will be included in the package(s).



Weddings in the Park – The KHLF will offer a chapel or other designated area to hold weddings and receptions. Fees for use will be based on headcount. A non-refundable service fee will be required to hold the grounds. Imu area will be available for an additional charge (kiawe wood will be provided at no charge). The KHLF will provide a list of pre-approved vendors who offer goods and services at competitive prices. The KHLF will provide a list of recommended kahuna/priests/officiants. Vendors can be listed for a nominal fee. Access to restrooms and parking will be included in the package(s). Preference will be given to traditional Hawaiian style weddings.

Weekly Farmer's Market – The KHLF will hold weekly farmer's markets at the Park. Booth space will be provided to local vendors who will sell their fresh farm products and goods to Guests. Vendors will be charged a nominal fee and Guests will pay an entry fee for access to the venue.

Annual Hula Festival – The KHLF will host an annual hula festival on the Park grounds. While the festival will be open to hālau throughout the state, hālau from the 'Ewa Moku will be showcased and anchor the festival. A partnership with local kumu hula will help drive the festival. Hālau will be invited to participate at no charge. Booth space will be provided to vendors who will be allowed to market their goods and services to Guests. Vendors will be charged a nominal fee and Guests will pay an entry fee for access to the venue.

Ghost Tours – The KHLF may establish an annual ghost tour through the Park that derives themes and imagery from Native Hawaiian myths and legends. Participants would pay a fee for entrance to the tour.

## Civic Programs

Meetings and Meeting Space – The KHLF will provide various sizes of office or meeting space to community groups at a competitive hourly rate. Meeting rooms will be modular and allow for flexible configurations to accommodate various group sizes. Wi-Fi based internet access and Park provided audio/video equipment will be available for an additional fee.

Performing Arts Theatre – A theatre incorporated into the visitor center will showcase live performances, film screenings, or other performing arts with a focus on Native Hawaiian arts and culture. The theatre will also be available for local school productions. Interested parties could rent the theatre place to hold their productions provided that those productions meet KHLF requirements and guidelines. Guests would pay an entrance fee to attend each performance.

## How You Can Help

- Arrange for a site tour.
- Join a community work day on the last Saturday of every month. Wear hard soled shoes, long pants, and long sleeved shirts. A hat and sunscreen are suggested. Please bring your own water and snacks.
- Become a volunteer or docent.
- Provide a monetary donation. Contact us for details and information on possible tax exemptions for your generous donation.

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