

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very un-dramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." -*Arthur Ashe*

BBBSH EVENTS:

· BBBS Match Activity Event on Saturday, April 16th 9am-12pm

Come join us and other matches in giving back to the community in honor of Earth Day, Global Youth Service Day, and National Volunteer Month. We will begin with a beach cleanup at Ala Moana Beach Park and celebrate afterward with a picnic (lunch will be provided), games, and fun prizes! Help us in teaching Littles to give back to the community. We hope to have a great showing to the public with your presence and a BBBSH logo t-shirt. We are also extending this invitation to include families. Please RSVP by 5pm on Monday, April 11 to your Case Manager.

· WANTED: Booster Seat

Please ask your friends and families if they have a booster seat (for children ages 4-7 years, after graduating from a child's car seat and before the adult seat belt, required by law) that they no longer use and would be willing to donate to one of our families. This would be greatly appreciated.

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS:

Friday, April 1st (No joke!)

· First Friday Gallery Walk: A self-guided tour of galleries, museums and studios. Chinatown, Nuuanu and neighboring streets: Fri., 4/1., (5-9pm) FREE.

· Recycle Runway Fashion Show: Come check out this sustainable runway fashion show competition featuring designs made of recyclable fabrics and materials. Campus Center, UH-Manoa: Fri., 4/1., (7pm) 956-8111

· Kapolei High Talent Show: Enjoy fifteen-act talent show will feature singing, dancing, and slam poetry by 30 Kapolei High School teens. Proceeds will benefit the Hawaii Meth Project. Kapolei High, 91-5007 Kapolei Pkwy, Kapolei, Fri 4/1, 7-9 p.m., \$3-\$4. (KapoleiTalentShow@gmail.com)

· Living Art Marine Center Reef Walk: Explore Hawaii's amazing tide pools and shallow reefs in a safe and family friendly way. Wading in knee deep water, experienced naturalists and marine biologists will unlock the hidden secrets of our beautiful coastline and will show you critters you never thought existed. Call for location details, 7:30 p.m., \$10/adults, \$6/children. (841-8080).

Saturday, April 2nd

· Grow Hawaiian Festival: The grounds of the Bishop museum will come alive with hands-on demonstrations of traditional Hawaiian arts and crafts, live music, food and keiki activities. Guests can learn to carve weapons and tools, beat kapa, weave lau hala, and make different styles of lei. Enjoy a special presentation on Hawaiian banana varieties, and samples of healthy locally grown food, including 'awa and kalo, taro. *Bishop Museum*, 1525 Bernice St.: Sat., 4/2., (9am--3pm) FREE. 847-3511

· 30th Annual Scottish Festival: Share Scottish culture with local residents and visitors at this popular two-day festival. Celtic music, Highland Dance competition, children's activities, medieval combat, cultural displays and vendors. *Kapiolani Park*. Runs Sat., 4/2--Sun., 4/3., (9am--5pm) FREE. 737-4340

· Paliku Arts Festival: A “hands-on” art festival where you actually create the art music, dance, poetry, art and theatre! Two Cirque-style live shows in the *Imaginarium* (small entry fee applies) and local vendors also present. *Windward Community College Paliku*, 45-720 Kealahala Rd.: Sat., 4/2., (10am-6pm) FREE.

· Spring Craft Fair: Crafts, food & bouncy houses. Enchanted Lake Elementary School, 770 Keolu Dr., Kailua, (9am-3pm).

· IT&B Cycle Swap: Upgrade your bicycle parts at this annual event. Money made will benefit the Hawaii Bicycling League. Free admission for Century Ride Number members. Ample free parking across the street. *St. Mark's Church*, 539 Kapahulu Ave.: Sat., 4/2., (9:30am-1pm) \$4-\$5. Call 732-7227 for more info.

Sunday, April 3rd

· Na Mele Nei Concert: Enjoy music by Gordon Freitas and local folk in the style of Hawaiian, Contemporary and Folk. Ward Warehouse Amphitheater, Ward Center, 1 p.m., Free. (778-2945)

· Obama Walking Tour: Learn biographic facts and points of the President's life during the 1970s. The tour starts under the big Monkey Pond trees on the North East corner of Beretania and Punahou St. Sun., 4/3., (2pm) Free. 948-3299

· Manoa Cliff Restoration: Meet at the trailhead on Round Top Drive to help nurture native plants and remove invasive ones around the popular trail site. Email: manoacliffnatives for details. Sun., 4/3., (9am)

CLASSES:

· Coconut Leaf-Weaving (Ulana Lau Niu) Demonstrations: 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays at Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove.

· Free Ukelele Lessons: 5 to 7:15 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Windward Mall Center Court. For all ages and skill levels sponsored by 'Ukulele Club of Hawaii; features instruction by a different local artist each month. Bring your own instrument or borrow one. Call 234-2868.

· Free Harmonica Lessons: Hawaii Harmonica Society offers free classes Mondays at Beretania Community Recreation Center. Call 833-4336 or 522-7022.

· Magic: 6-7 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month at Kalihi-Palama Public Library. Call 234-5262.

· African Dance: 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Mondays at Kailua Movement Studio, 776 Kailua Road. Includes Pilates warmup; for all ages and levels. Cost: \$10 per person. Call 277-7347.

· Brazilian Dance: 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays at 1007 Waimanu St. Cost: \$5. Call 373-2667.

· Hula Dance: All ages, all skill levels: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at Aloha Activity Center, 725 Kapiolani Blvd. Cost: \$10 per class. Call 677-7341.

· "Keiki Craftivity" classes at Ben Franklin Crafts: Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at both Mapunapuna and Market City; 10 a.m. to noon at Pearl City; and 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Enchanted Lake. Different mini projects weekly. Visit www.bfcraftclub.com<<http://www.bfcraftclub.com>>.

· Free Hawaiian Language Lessons: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of the month at Liliha Public Library, 1515 Liliha St. Quick introductory "60-Minute Hawaiian" session repeated since 1974 by volunteers of The Program to Preserve Hawaiian Place Names. Arrive on time for handout distribution. Call 587-7577.

· The Bead Society: 7 p.m. last Wednesday of the month at Academy Art Center at Linekona. Visitors: \$5. Call 487-2090.

ONGOING:

· Muay Thai Kickboxing: Master the art of eight-handed defense. All ability levels. *Laupahoehoe School of Muay Thai*, UH Manoa Athletic Complex Studio #2, 432 Keawe St.: Ongoing Fridays and Saturdays. First class free by appointment. [lsomt.com], 497-0015

· Pacific Aviation Museum: Historical artifacts and aircrafts. Pearl Harbor, Hanger 37, Ford Island, 319 Lexington Blvd.: \$14 general (\$10 kamaaina); \$7 children (\$5 kamaaina). Keiki free on Saturdays and Sundays with each paid adult admission. Teachers free on Furlough Fridays. [pacificaviationmuseum.org], 441-1000

· U.S. Army Museum: An extensive collection of artifacts pertaining to America's military past is housed here, including old artillery and vehicles. Guided tours available. *Fort DeRussy* (next to the Hale Koa Hotel) at the corner of Kalia & Saratoga roads: Open Tue.--Sun., 10am--4:15pm. Free. [hiarmymuseumsoc.org], 955-9552

· North Shore Surf and Cultural Museum: View vintage surfboard collection, photos, memorabilia, bottles, videos, posters and other cultural items on display and shop for jewelry from the bottom of the sea. *North Shore Marketplace*: Wed--Mon, 11am--6pm. Free. 637-8888

· Stroll to Diamond Head Lighthouse: 9 to 11:30 a.m. first Sunday of the month beginning at the Mahatma Gandhi statue fronting Honolulu Zoo. Two-mile walk with narration across Kapiolani Park and along the Gold Coast uphill residential area, which leads to the tower. Cost: \$10. Call 948-3299.

· Ghost Tour: Take a ninety minute walk to haunted sites and mystical places in downtown Honolulu and Chinatown. Visit stevestoursandfilms.vpweb.com or call 395-0674. Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 7:30pm. Meet in the Capitol District.

· The Contemporary Museum: 2411 Makiki Heights Dr. Open Tue.--Sat., 10am--4pm; Sun., 12--4pm. \$8 adults; \$6 students/seniors (Free every third Thursday of the month). 526-1322

· Academy Art Center at Linekona: 1111 Victoria St. Open Tue.--Sat., 10am--4:30pm; Sun., 1--5pm. Free admission. honoluluacademy.org, 532-8700

· Honolulu Academy of Arts has free admission every 3rd Sunday of every month
http://www.honoluluacademy.org/events/bank_of_hawaii_sunday/5222-year_rabbit

· Hawai'i State Art Museum: open from Tues - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm. Free admission.
<http://www.hawaiistateartmuseum.org>

· Waikiki Aquarium (420 species!): 2777 Kalakua Ave 9am-4:30pm. \$9 adults (Hawaii residents & military with ID, \$6), \$4 kids (ages 113-17), \$2 kids (ages 5-12).

· Children's Discovery Center: Kids can present a puppet show, dress up like a doctor, play virtual volleyball, explore the inside of a mouth, visit different cultures, test their wheelchair skills, put on a play, make crafts and much more at this interactive museum. 110 'Ohe St.: Tue.--Fri., 9am--1pm; Sat. & Sun., 10am--3pm. \$8 adults, \$6.75 kids 2--17. 524-5437

· LEGO Monthly Mini Model Build: On the first Tuesday of each month from 5 - 7 p.m. at Ala Moana LEGO Store you can learn how to build a cool LEGO mini model, and take it home - for free! A new model will be available every month and will be specially themed to that month. While supplies last.

Models are not for sale and cannot be purchased. This event is open to children aged 6 to 14 only. One free model per child.

REMINDERS:

- Kualoa Ranch has a standing 50% discount for Littles off their horseback riding when accompanied by their BIG. Mention the BBBSH discount when RSVP-ing. 237-7321.
- Foster Care: Please spread the word that there is a large shortage of foster care families in our community. For more information, check out www.pidfoundation.org or call 441-1117. Also, attached is a flyer of information.
- Legacy Tree Program: This environmental program aims to replenish Hawai'i's lush environment while fostering the growth of Hawai'i's children and youth. For each Legacy Tree that is sponsored, \$20 will be allocated towards Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring programs. Please help us spread the word! For more information, check out: www.legacytrees.org or contact Roger Higa at 695-4571.