

Small Kine News

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Upcoming Events

'Ohana Day- March 17

Children Festival- April 14

Pineapple Jam Camps Gig Harbor April 6-18 Shoreline April 18-20

Bridge of Aloha- May 5

Northwest Folklife- May 25-28

Kalama Heritage Festival-June 29- July 1

Lakefair- July 11-15

Live Aloha-September

Makahiki Aloha Week Festival-September 15

Samoan festival

Hula and ukulele workshops

CULTURAL WORD OF THE DAY

Love- English

No matter the time or day, take a moment to tell the people around you how much you care for them

Aloha- (ah-low-hah) Hawaiian

Alofa tonua- (ah-low-faa toe-noo-ah) Samoan

Pag-ibig- (pahg-ee-beeg) Tagalog

Aroha- (ahh-*row *roll the r-hah) Maori

Aloha!

When people visit Hawaii, they are often surprised at how friendly everyone is. While the warm tropical breezes, sunny beach days, and gorgeous island views make Hawaii the place to be, the *aloha spirit* is why people long to call Hawaii their home.



To those of us that grew up on the islands, the aloha spirit is simply the way you live your life on the island. Everyone is family and you look out for each other. You always bring extra food to parties and there's no such thing as an unwelcomed guest. The aloha spirit is what makes Hawaii's hospitality service so special too. You can expect people to hold doors open or to wave you through when driving. It's providing an extra touch of care with no obligations or expectations for a reward.

There's even a law on it that officials and citizens are expected to follow. According to the Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 5-7.5 the Aloha Spirit "was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of

Hawaii." It is the "coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others... [kindness, unity, agreeable, humility, patience] are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people."



That charm and genuineness isn't specific to only Hawaii. Other Pacific communities such as Samoa or the Maori culture are known for their larger than life hearts and charismatics souls. Maybe it's because living in a beautiful place with sun almost 24/7 year round makes people happier and more relaxed and therefore more likely to reach out and help others achieve the same feeling. Or perhaps it's because these island communities are intentionally focused on taking care and being a part of a family.

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Get Involved!

Volunteer opportunities are always available!

Extra hands during festivals to help set up tables and chairs, or take down tents and load cars, or even make banana lumpia or spam musubis, make the work load just a little lighter and a whole lot more fun.

Internships for video and/or radio productions, and event planning are also available.

Please email us if there is a project you would like to join us with!

We are currently looking for community involved leaders who have experience with event planning, volunteer management, and fundraising efforts. Please email us if you would like to be a part of our planning committee.

It's hard to encompass the meaning and importance of the aloha spirit into a couple of paragraphs.

However when people walk into our Hale on the Beach we often hear them say that they feel good being there and that there's a good spirit and family vibe coming out of it. So whether we can verbally express it or write it down, just know that the aloha spirit isn't confined to islands in the middle of the ocean. We at



the Pacific 'Ohana Foundation know the aloha spirit is more than just a greeting or love, it is to treat others with friendliness and sincerity and to embrace them in warmth and unconditional love and we encourage you all do to the same no matter where you are.

Appreciation Shout Outs

Maringi Lloyd: Thank you for your time and passion with sharing your Maori culture and helping POF find the Community Connection Place in University Place.

Mendoza and Payne 'Ohana: Thank you for bringing many hands to help with making poi balls and keeping us entertained.

Heasty 'Ohana: Thank you for being so diligent in your 'ukulele practices and attending many performances, big and small, and for helping out with our poi ball making project.



E kala mai (sorry)

If you've been by our Hale on the Beach recently you might have noticed that our sign says, more often than not, closed. While we love the sound of the waves and the beautiful sunsets over Henderson Bay, our current employees and volunteers are busy with projects that bring them outside of Gig Harbor. We are trying our best to maintain consistent hours that allow you to come by and talk story with us or find a gift for a loved one. If you are trying to get a hold of us, emailing us at pacificohanafoundation@yahoo.com will get you a response within 24hrs. If you have time in your schedule and would like to donate your time while listening to the crash of waves and sharing stories about the islands in order to help keep our doors open, let us know and we'll train you how to be an 'ohana docent.

You and your family are invited to 'Ohana Day

The Pacific 'Ohana Foundation was recently awarded a Sparks grant for promoting healthy lifestyle programs and we want to celebrate with you.

March 17 2pm-6pm

Community Connections Place 2534 Grandview Dr W, University Place, WA 98466

Enjoy a Pacific Islands St. Patrick's 'ohana day. Learn how hula is a fun exercise and healthy food choices can improve your quality of life!

Come join us for one of the following drop in workshops for all skill levels and focused on healthy lifestyles and healthy families!

Drop in workshops:

- Keiki Hula
- Maori Poi spinning
- Beginner Ukulele
- Intro to Tahitian
- Hula for Health (Perfect for seniors young at heart or those looking for a healthy alternative for exercise!)

Donations: \$5/person or \$20/Ohana

Also pick up your presell fundraiser plate lunch!

We will be selling tickets for ONOLICIOUS plate lunches. Don't want to cook lunch or dinner? Order a plate from us today.

Regular Plate \$10

Choice of Kalua Pig or BBQ Teriyaki Chicken with scoop rice, mac salad, and dessert

Combo Plate \$15

Kalua Pig and BBQ Teriyaki Chicken with scoop rice, Samoan chop suey, mac salad, and dessert.

We're also selling preordered sides of spam musubi, banana lumpia, banana bread, ahi poke.

Plate tickets and sides can be ordered at the Hale on the Beach, by calling Vanessa Matautia at (808)723-2981, or by emailing pacificohanafoundation@yahoo.com.

If you would like to sell tickets, please contact us. Sell 10 or more tickets and receive a \$10 coupon for classes.

DON'T MISS OUT ON GIVING YOUR TUMMY A MINI ISLAND STYLE VACATION!

Orders and tickets sells due March 7th.



Pineapple Jam Kids Aloha Camp

For all ages and skills

Hele Mai

Join us for Pineapple Jam Week! Hear tales from the Pacific Northwest and from beyond the South Pacific. A place where Hula is a tradition and folklore is true. When you come to Pineapple Jam Kids Aloha Camp you will make friends, dance & sing and enjoy all kinds of fun and tasty things!

You will grow your brain cells too.

Week rates are as follows:

Kids Half day 5 & Under \$75
9am-11am

Kids Full Days 6 & Older \$150

9am-3pm
Half days Include Snacks
Full Day Includes 2 Snacks and Lunch

This is a REFRESHING, ACTIVE, CULTURAL, and EXPERIENCIAL camp

Children will:

- Dance, learn, and perform the Hula and Maori Haka with poi balls
- Learn Hawaiian language and jam with mele and Ukulele basics
- Make arts and crafts from the exotic Pacific Islands
- Enjoy pupu's and explore tastes of the islands
- Learn and explore the environment
- Learn about surfing, waves, canoe building and beach creatures
- Exercise and breathe good air
- Jam with the Hawaiian music of Uncle Bill and Kumu Gloria



"I don't ever want this camp to end." RS age 11, Kirkland, WA

"When is the next camp, I can't wait! OM age 9, GH

Registration Information

Email us at pacificohanafoundation@yahoo.com Upon email you will receive a registration packet. Please *Print and Sign* and bring with you on your first day of camp! Payment Options: Please check online at:

www.pineapplejamkids.com

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How to Get There

Shoreline

20226 Ballinger Way NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

15: Exit 177 for WA-104 E towards Lake Forest Park. Look for 24 Hour Fitness and Thriftway parking lot, we are located in the Alive Juice Bar.

Gig Harbor

13720 Purdy Drive NW Gig Harbor WA 98332

HWY 16: Take Exit WA-302 towards Purdy Look for Massimos and Chevron, we are the small white building in the same parking lot.