

Aloha Maui Teachers!

As many of you know, due to extreme weather events, ʻĀao Valley has undergone many changes over the past couple of years. In response, we've had to make some site adaptations to ensure the continued quality of our programs and safety of our participants. Access to our teaching sites that were located across the Wailuku River remain inaccessible due to the collapse of the footbridge owned by Wailuku Water Company. In response to this, we have enhanced the trails in the forested areas around our main buildings, and we are pleased to report that the new teaching sites have been working wonderfully this semester! The brief indoor portions of our programs are also now taking place in our newly remodeled learning space. The main lesson plans and activities for all of our programs continue to align with public and private school curriculum as we begin piloting the integration of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in the coming year. Mahalo for continuing to allow us the opportunity to explore science in the great outdoors with your students! --Warmest Regards, Jamie Nakama- Curriculum Specialist



MAUI FALL 2018 REGISTRATION

MONDAY, MAY 21 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 22 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

To make your reservation:

- **PLEASE email mauibookings@hawaiinaturecenter.org.**
Dates are given based on the order in which the email request is received.
- ***DO NOT CALL AND LEAVE A VOICE MAIL MESSAGE!*** Any reservations left on the voice mail will be answered **AFTER** the registration period listed above.
- Scholarships and funding support for Title 1 schools will be awarded when you call to make your reservation. You will be notified at that time if your school qualifies for any special funding.
- After May 22, please continue to email your school reservation request to mauibookings@hawaiinaturecenter.org.

Our fall semester begins in September and runs through mid-December. The program times listed below include time for lunch, with the exception of Preschool. (Preschools are welcome to stay for lunch upon request.) Spring 2019 registration will take place in November. A flier will be mailed to your school at that time with registration information.

For program and fee information, go to our website:

<http://hawaiinaturecenter.org/nature-programs/maui-school-programs/>



Children of the Land (Preschool), 9:30-11:30 am

Become comfortable in nature while learning about the wonders of water and explore the mountain trails and special homes of the animals that live in the forest.



Introduction to Nature (Kindergarten), 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Take a sensory exploration of both living and non-living parts of nature while learning to appreciate nature. Hike through the forest, learn how soil is made, and explore a mini stream ecosystem.



Introduction to Plants, Animals and Healthy Habitats (Grade 1), 9am-12:45 pm

Explore the stream and forest in ʻĀao Valley while learning about survival needs, food chains, and stream life. Demonstrate ways to help keep our habitats healthy.



Cycles in Nature (Grade 2), 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Examine the importance of five of the main cycles in nature (plant and animal life cycles; nutrient, gas, and water cycles) while hiking, fishing at the stream, and hunting for decomposers. See how cycles are interconnected and how humans are a part of these cycles.



Forest Encounters (Grades 4, 5 and 6), 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Explore the forest of ʻĀao Valley while learning about geological, biological and human-caused changes. Learn about changes that have local and global impacts and suggest ways for creating a better future for Hawaiʻi.



Coastal Encounters (Grades 4, 5 and 6), 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

U.S Fish and Wildlife Keālia Pond Coastal Boardwalk National Wildlife Refuge

Examine coastal ecology, geology, and how humans have impacted Maui's coastlines in the past. Participate in a mock archaeological dig, conduct a marine debris study, and learn how we can positively impact the coastline today.