

# 2025 Spring School Registration

Hawai'i Nature Center's programs for schools promote environmental stewardship and are relevant to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Spring semester starts in January and runs through mid-May. The program times allow for a 30-minute lunch.

## *How To reserve your field Trip*

- Contact Maui Program Manager **Rachael Taylor** at **(808-446-4672)** to learn more.

## *Themes by grade levels*

### **KINDERGARTEN: Introduction to Nature 9 am to 12 pm (808-446-4672)**

Experience a sensory exploration of living and non-living parts of the natural world while learning to appreciate and care for nature. Students will engage their 5 senses as they search for signs of animals and learn about different plants in a hands-on way.

### **GRADE 1: Introduction to Plants, Animals, & Healthy Habitats 9 am to 12:30 pm (808-446-4672)**

Explore different valley habitats such as meadows, streams, and forests with emphasis on survival needs, food chains, and stream life,

### **GRADE 2: Cycles in Nature 9 am to 12:30 pm (808-446-4672)**

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. Discover how cycles are interconnected and how humans are a part of these cycles.

### **GRADE 3: Discovering Wetlands 9 am to 12:30 pm (808-446-4672)**

Learn about the importance of Keālia Pond National Wildlife Refuge and how wetlands, animal adaptation, interdependence and dispersal play key roles in this ecosystem. Discover the threats to endangered Hawaiian wetland birds and how conservation efforts are enabling their survival.

### **GRADES 4, 5, & 6: Forest Encounters 9 am to 12:30 pm (808-446-4672)**

Explore the forest while learning about geological, biological, and human-caused changes. Learn about local and global impacts, investigate the importance of watersheds, and suggest ways for creating a better future for Hawai'i.

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Explore the anatomy and life cycles of corals and their role in the ecosystem. Take an eye-opening hike where students become teachers on topics of native plants, coastal ecology, and invasive species. Learn about the sources of marine debris and participate in a beach clean-up.

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