

Parent Advisory Board

Manana Teen Center Update

February-April 2010

In February 2010, the Manana Teen Center visited the U.S.S. Bowfin and Pacific Aviation Museums. We got to explore the inside of a World War II submarine and fly a plane on the flight simulator. Our Hike Club started with an easy hike along the Old Pali road to a waterfall.

We also started our spring planting in early February. We have basil, cilantro, bell peppers, tomatoes, watermelon and pumpkin. We hope to use the fruits and herbs in our healthy habits courses.

In March, we attended Kaneohe Bay's Let's Glow Teen Dance and went on a field trip everyday during Spring Break. Some of the adventures were on the catamaran Kupoikai in Waikiki, at the Japanese Byodo-In Temple, at a Macadamia Nut Farm and at Waimea Beach Park to watch some huge waves crashing. We were lucky to see Green Sea turtles basking on the beach at Laniakea's Turtle Beach and enjoy some shave ice at Aoki's Shave Ice. When we visited the sand bar in Kaneohe Bay, we swam and went fishing, caught a lizard fish, box crab and mantis shrimp.

Our volunteer work for the month of March includes a service project in the Nu'upia Ponds pulling invasive mangrove weeds, taking the SAC children around the Honolulu Zoo to see the animals and hiding eggs at the Spring Fair for the younger kids.

We even got to spend a night at the Cabanas at Kaneohe Bay. While we were there we went on an awesome scavenger hunt, played survivor games, roasted marshmallows for smores and hung out with friends.

For April, we went on a Whale Watch Cruise and saw Hawaiian Humpback whales and spinner dolphins.

On Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>, the long awaited Manana Skate Park installation began. It took about a week to construct and the teens were skating by the following Tuesday.

For Earth Day, April 22, 2010, we planted a native Hawaiian endangered tree behind the Manana Teen Center. The tree is a type of gardenia called Na'u and will produce fragrant white flowers.

The Alpine Tower at Camp Erdman was the physical challenge of the month. We got harnessed into safety ropes and climbed a tower that was about 50 feet high! The teens worked on some team work skills and got to know one another a bit better.

In the last week of April we will host an Open House and a Grand Opening Celebration for our new Skate Park. The last field trip of the month will be on the Koko Crater Hike.