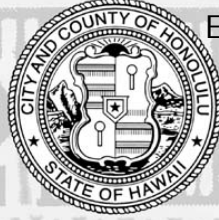


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KEIKI WATER FESTIVAL SET FOR MAY 14

The 2nd Annual Keiki Water Festival, sponsored by the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services and the state Department of Health, is slated for Wednesday, May 14, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to noon on the campus of Kalihi Waena Elementary School.

"Over the last year, our residents have been reminded about the strong link between proper care and management of our water resources and our quality of life," said Mayor Mufi Hannemann. "We learn some of life's most important lessons when we're young. The Keiki Water Festival continues to offer a useful and unique learning experience. The festival's creative approach provides a fun way to teach our young citizens about an important issue."

Approximately 400 fourth and fifth grade students, teachers and volunteers from Kalihi Waena and Kapalama elementary schools will be greeted by guides from Kamehameha Middle School and Kappa Epsilon Beta, a fraternity at the University of Hawaii.

"The festival is an annual event that encourages students to learn more about water and water-related careers through hands-on activities with their teachers and water professionals," Iwalani Sato said. "This is a collaborative learning opportunity for these students."

Major sponsors include the Storm Water Quality Branch of the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services and the Clean Water Branch of the state Department of Health. Corporate sponsors are Tamashiro Market, McDonald's Hawaii and Wal-Mart Keeaumoku.

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Participating agencies and organizations include Kalihi Waena and Kapalama elementary schools; Kamehameha and Farrington middle schools; KAUPA; International Year of the Reef; Oahu Invasive Species Committee; Kalihi Weed and Seed; University of Hawaii at Manoa fraternity Kappa Epsilon Beta; Board of Water Supply; state Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Commission of Water Resource Management; state Department of Agriculture Pesticides Branch; state Department of Transportation Highways Division; U.S. Geological Survey; U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service; U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Program and National Weather Service; and the U.S. Coast Guard.

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