

# HIGH SCHOOL HIKERS NEWS

## What's In Store for 2007-2008?

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer! High School Hikers has several exciting activities planned for this school year and we hope that all clubs will be a part of our upcoming fun-filled and educational activities.

### October 21

Halloween Night Hike

### November 10-12

Ecology Camp and Fall Hikers Workshop

### March 2008

Spring Camp

### May 2008

End of the Year Social

For more information about each activity, check with your club advisor or check out our website at [highschoolhikers.org](http://highschoolhikers.org)



## New Officers & Committee Chairs

Announcing the new slate of HSH officers for the next two years.

**President**—John M. Cummings III

**Vice President**—Erron Yoshioka

**Secretary**—Pauline Kawamata

**Treasurer**—Vanessa Escajeda

### 2007-2008 Committee Chairs

**Membership**—Bob Keane

**Outings**—Fred Nakaguma

**Newsletter**—Pauline Kawamata

**Website**—Jim Yuen

### Halloween Night Hike

Vanessa Escajeda and  
Carrie Joy Lash

### Ecology Camp & Fall Hikers Workshop

Pauline Kawamata

### Spring Camp

Carrie Joy Lash

### End of the Year Social

Bob Keane

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### Special points of interest:

- *ECOLOGICAL CAMP AND FALL HIKERS WORKSHOP IS BEING COMBINED THIS YEAR AND WILL BE HELD AT OUR LADY OF KEA 'AU IN MAKAHA. SPACE IS LIMITED SO TURN IN YOUR FORMS EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE. DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 23.*
- *ANY HSH-RELATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NEWSLETTER (PHOTOS OR ARTICLES) ARE WELCOME. PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS LISTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.*



# Leilehua High School Hikers 2007 Spring Break Trip to the Big Island

By Jim Yuen

Spring Break! Two weeks to hang with friends and buds. A chance to see and do something new. And that's exactly what eleven students from Leilehua High School Hiking Club did as they planned and went on a trip to the Big Island to visit the volcanoes from March 19th through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It was a chance to experience first hand what they learned in school. To see the lava flow at night; to touch the difference between Paho'eho'e and 'A'a lava; to hear the 'Apapane; to smell the sulfur fumes at Halema'uma'u caldera; to feel the chill mist of Volcano; to hike across a steaming crater. What a difference between reading the written word and touching reality.

We spent five days at the Keakealani Outdoor Education Center in Volcano Village cooking the student-planned meals and sleeping on exercise mats on the floor. There were hot showers, flush toilets and a fire pit for night-time S'more roasting.



Monday, we visited the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HVNP) Visitors Center, stomped our feet to shake the seismograph at the

Jaggar Museum of Vulcanology, looked down into Halema'uma'u caldera and hiked the Devastation Trail still sterile from the last flow.



Tuesday, we hiked down into Kilauea Iki crater barely ahead of 70 Le Jardin 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Kailua. We walked across the frozen lava, like the crust of a cracked chocolate brownie, stared into the throat of the vent that flooded the crater years ago, checked out the steaming cracks along the trail and climbed back up to the rim for our well-earned lunch. We hurried through the Thurston Lava Tube to reach the unlit section where we used our trusty flashlights to explore the walls and roof for roots and insects and drips.

Wednesday was Lava Day. We got a close-up view of the 1974 'A'a flow at Mauna Ulu and some small tree molds. A quick stop at the Pizza Hut outlook (officially known as Kealakomo) and then to the Pu'uolo Petroglyphs walk. Later we had a picnic dinner of hot dogs and teri-burgers as we waited for dusk to see the red-hot lava flows from the Pu'u O'o vent. It was so far away that we needed binoculars to see it. It was TINY, but it was real molten lava.

Thursday, a chilly, misty day for our holoholo to the Hilo area. We hiked the Akaka Falls loop trail, checked out Rainbow Falls and the Boiling Pots. A quick lunch, then down into a "real" lava tube as we entered Kaumana Cave. Here was a dark, drippy tube full of broken pieces of lava, low ceilings and uneven floors. Flashlights barely lit the way as we carefully stumbled our way inward until the roof threatened to meet the floor and we decided to turn around. What wonderful scenes awaited us just beyond will have to wait until our next visit.

Friday came too soon as we packed and cleaned Keakealani and headed to the airport.



## Students

Jason Austria, Kim Beppu, Ashley Kakazu, April Miller, Ashley Moiha, Krysten Piano, Joshua Quinn, Shayleen Siquig, Andrea Spencer, Suzi Swartz, Aye Thu

## Advisors and Kokua

Maria Castanada, Bob Keane, Joseph Wisler, Jim Yuen



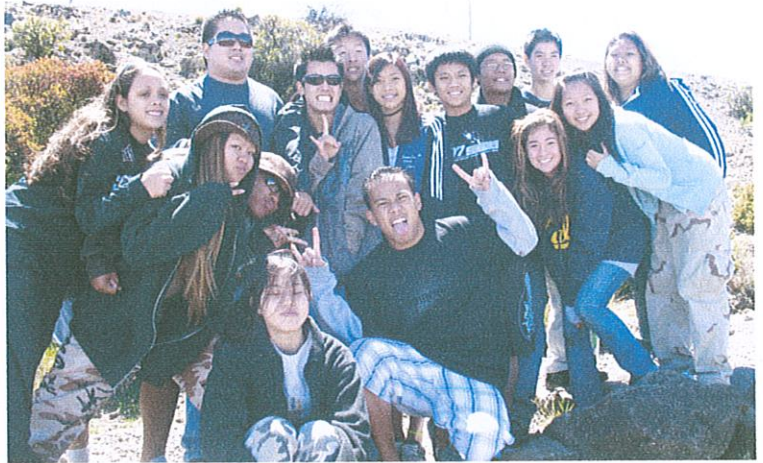
## Maui No Ka Oi for Moanalua High School

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By Pauline Kawamata

Moanalua High School spent their spring break 2007 on the island of Maui. They stayed at the Hawai`I Nature Center in `Iao Valley and did two days of volunteer work. The staff of the Maui Center really appreciated all the hard work they did, which included painting the buildings, grounds keeping, taro patch and stream restoration and trail work.

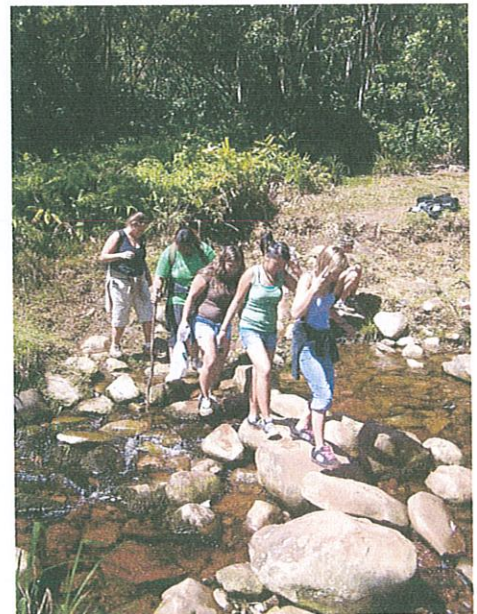
In addition, advisor Erron Yoshioka had many fun activities planned for his students. They had the opportunity to visit the Maui Ocean Center, go shopping in Pa`ia, drive up to Haleakala Crater, take a dip in the ocean at Baldwin Beach Park, have a nice dinner at The Dunes Restaurant, and play an evening round of miniature golf. Mahalo to the other MoHS advisors who came on this trip—Mark Lee and Frank Raymond.



## Campbell High School Discovers Kaua`i

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Another island, another school! This time, it was Campbell High School on the island of Kaua`i. Advisors Carrie Joy Lash, James Huyck, Fred Nakaguma and their students spent their spring break at the Discovery Center in Koke`e, doing service projects and exploring various areas around the island.

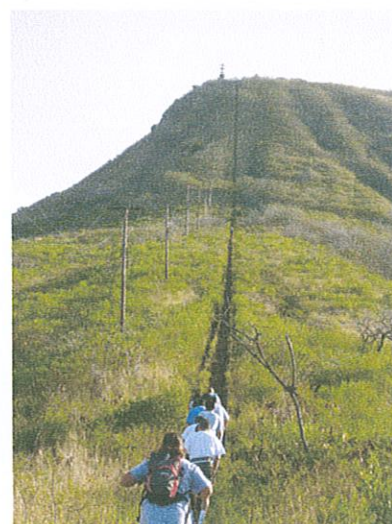
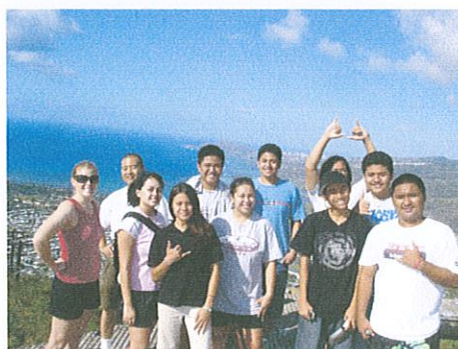
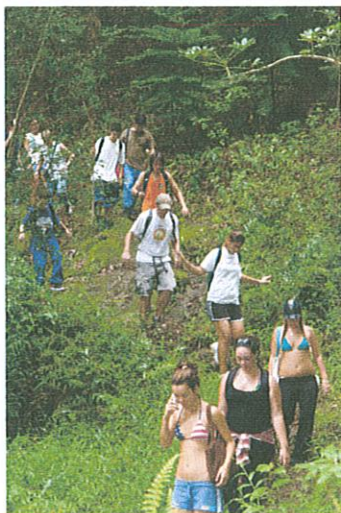




# From the Hiking Photo Albums of Kalaheo High School and Farrington High School

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Kalaheo High School  
spends a day hiking  
on the Hau`ula Loop  
Trail.



Farrington High School  
makes it to the top of  
Koko Head. What a  
view!

## Active HSH Clubs and Advisors

### Campbell High School

Carrie Joy Lash, James Huyck, Fred Nakaguma

### Farrington High School

Vanessa Escajeda, Patrick Vieira  
John M. Cummings III, Adaline Kam

### Kalaheo High School

Nohea Tomas, Kamaile Matthews

### Leilehua High School

Jeannette Keane, Bob Keane

### Mid Pacific Institute

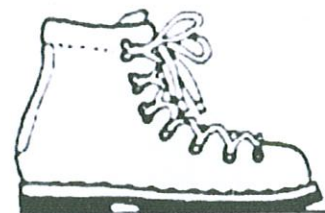
Liz King

### Moanalua High School

Erron Yoshioka, Mark Lee, Frank Raymond

## Our Mission

HSH provides support for hiking activities in various high schools in the State of Hawaii. HSH/Sierra Club approved hike leaders work in cooperation with an advisor of a high school to provide leadership knowledgeable in hiking skills and environmental subjects.



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