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Corps of Engineers Promotes Earth Day Activities at Pacific Regional Visitor Center

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(HONOLULU - April 18, 2005 - NR-07-05) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Ft. DeRussy, in conjunction with the Ala Wai Watershed Association, state environmental offices, 25 local civic organizations and more than 400 volunteers, is providing seminars, exhibits and video presentations as part of Earth Day 2005.

Earth Day events begin throughout the Ala Wai watershed area at 9 a.m. and continue to 2 p.m. and features free trolley rides to seven Earth Day activity sites.

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Informational presentations at the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center are:

- 9 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. Partnering on Stewardship - The Ala Wai Canal Project
- 9:10 a.m. - 10 a.m. Alien Algae Invaders

Following the informational seminars, interactive activities, video presentations and exhibits continue at the RVC from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free trolley transportation to various Earth Day sites is available from the turnaround in front of the U.S. Army Museum from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pacific Regional Visitor Center Video Presentations:

- 10 a.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - "Partnering In The Pacific"
- 10:15 a.m. Ala Wai Watershed Association
- 10:30 a.m. Honolulu Board of Water Supply Water For Life, Malama O Manoa
- 10:45 a.m. Keiki o ke kai
- 11 a.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - "Partnering In The Pacific"
- 11:15 a.m. Waikiki Aquarium & Coral Reefs
- 11:30 a.m. USAG-H: Environmental Program
- 11:45 a.m. C&C of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services: Stormwater Quality Management in Waikiki
- Noon U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - "Partnering In The Pacific"
- 12:15 p.m. Ala Wai Watershed Association
- 12:30 p.m. Honolulu Board of Water Supply Water For Life, Malama O Manoa
- 12:45 p.m. Keiki o ke kai
- 1 p.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - "Partnering In The Pacific"
- 1:15 p.m. Ala Wai Watershed Association
- 1:30 p.m. Honolulu Board of Water Supply Water For Life, Malama O Manoa
- 1:45 p.m. Keiki o ke kai
- 2 p.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - "Partnering In The Pacific"

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Earth Day organizational activities at various activity work sites include:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Follow the journey of a drop of water from the mountain to the sea and check out the Kaneohe-Kailua Dam 3-D map, exhibits on flood survivors, wetlands, navigation, and shoreline protection! Learn more about the Partnering In The Pacific on the Ala Wai Canal Project (Prepared By: Townscape, Inc. and Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP in cooperation with Oceanit) and find out where Hawaiian sand comes from through a display provided by the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Coastal Geology Extension Program.

Army Garrison, Hawaii Environmental Program: Hawaiian crafts, display board and handouts on the Cultural Resources Program which continues to work closely with Native Hawaiians to utilize traditional cultural resources on Army properties. The Army has been conducting tours at Makua Military Reservation since November 2004.

Board of Water Supply: Watershed display, water tattoos and information on developing renewable water supplies, like recycle water, seawater desalination and deep ocean water supplies that will afford a foundation for sustainable economic development.

City & County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services: Public education on ways to reduce water pollution, including information on storm water quality management in Waikiki.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): Take the wheel for a spin on various soil erosion topics.

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State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH): Interactive activity to measure the turbidity of salt water, including information on Hawaii's beach water quality monitoring program.

State of Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR): Great information on protecting and improving the condition of our forests that benefit our water supply, as well as information on conservation, fire wise, recreational and educational programs.

Waikiki Aquarium: Colorful Hawaiians in the Sea display, hands-on petroglyph rubbing activity and fun fishing quiz. Reef Check follow up trainings provide 1) a lay public level of education in basic coral reef ecology, 2) fish identification skills, and 3) training in the Reef Check methodology for doing surveys. Fish re-stocking (Moi) by local students; sponsored by the State of Hawaii DLNR and Anuenue Fisheries runs 11 a.m. – noon between the Natatorium and Aquarium.

Additional Earth Day activity work sites include:

8:30 a.m. - noon Kaimuki High School Streambank

8:30 a.m. - noon Manoa Streambank

8 a.m. - noon Palolo Streambank

8:30 a.m. - noon Makiki Streambank

Trolley picks up and drops off at:

- Hilton Hawaiian Resort and Spa and Bishop Museum Collection (free between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.): Hilton Hawaiian Resort and Spa, Tapa Tower Bus Depot, Paoa Road
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center: turnaround in front of the U.S. Army Museum
- Waikiki Aquarium (requires admission): Waikiki Aquarium on Kalakaua Avenue, in front of the statue

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- Kaimuki High School Streambank: near Date Street bridge
- Manoa Streambank: near Kahaloa Street bridge
- Palolo Streambank: near Ahe Street bridge
- Makiki Streambank: Jack-In-The-Box parking lot, corner of S. King and Kalakaua, next to Washington Middle School ; Note: trolley hub at Washington Middle School parking lot next to Jack-In-The-Box

In addition, the Bishop Museum in the Hilton Hawaiian Village Kalia Tower is offering free admission 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Earth Day.

For more information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Earth Day activities log on to our website: <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/index.asp>

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