



‘IMILOA
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‘Imiloa’s Inspiration Station at NHERC

‘Imiloa and NHERC Partner in North Hawai‘i Community Outreach

Hilo, Hawai‘i – ‘Imiloa hits the road on December 3rd! In a first-ever Community Outreach program designed to bring science and Hawaiian culture to life, ‘Imiloa will bring Inspiration Station to the North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center (NHERC) on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The *‘Imiloa@NHERC: Inspiring Exploration* event is free and open to the public and will feature interactive family activities, and presentations designed to inspire awareness in Hawai‘i’s science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at NHERC’s facility in Honoka‘a.

The event will feature many of ‘Imiloa’s signature interactive educational activities and portable exhibits including a presentation on traditional Polynesian wayfinding using a Hawaiian star compass; a video presentation “One Ocean, One Sky” on Hawaiian navigation; a solar system presentation on the Magic Planet exhibit; PicoCricket robot programming; and information on Hawaiian indigenous, endemic and canoe plants used in ancient Polynesian voyaging.

“We are humbled by the overwhelmingly positive feedback we’ve received from our island community in response to the educational family programming we offer here in Hilo,” said Ka‘iu Kimura, Executive Director of ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, a part of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. “It’s time to take ‘Imiloa on the road via outreach programs that broaden our impact and work to inspire and engage Kama‘aina keiki and their families in seeing

science everywhere. *‘Imiloa@NHERC: Inspiring Exploration* on December 3rd will allow us to bring our mission to new audiences for greater impact.”

‘Imiloa’s signature products from the store will be available for purchase, plenty of keiki activities for the younger children to enjoy and the opportunity to learn about our educational offerings throughout the year, the membership program, and the upcoming events at ‘Imiloa.

Participants who visit will have a chance to receive a free ‘Imiloa family membership! Mark your calendars for December 3, for the *‘Imiloa@NHERC: Inspiring Exploration* event!

‘Imiloa would like to thank the North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center for hosting this free event for the public.

For more information on the day’s schedule of events call ‘Imiloa, 969-9703 and visit online www.imiloahawaii.org or call NHERC, 775-8890 and online hilo.hawaii.edu/academics/nherc/Imiloa.

For more information or to support ‘Imiloa’s outreach into the community, please contact Nico Leilani Verissimo, ‘Imiloa’s Development Manager, at (808) 969-9732 or nverissimo@imiloahawaii.org

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i is a world-class informal science education center located on the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo campus. ‘Imiloa is a place of life-long learning where the power of Hawai‘i’s cultural traditions, its legacy of exploration and the wonders of astronomy come together to provide inspiration and hope for generations. The Center’s interactive exhibits, 3D full dome planetarium, native landscape, and programs and events engage children, families, visitors and the local community in the wonders of science and technology found in Hawai‘i. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). For more information, visit the website at www.imiloahawaii.org

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