



‘IMILOA
Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i

For Immediate Release

May 17, 2011

Media Contacts:

Jeff Harman
808-969-9705
jharman@imiloahawaii.org

Vincent Recinto
808-969-9714
vrecinto@imiloahawaii.org

Camp ‘Imiloa
Enrichment and Fun at ‘Imiloa

Hilo, Hawai‘i – ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center starts the summer with five weeks of enriching and fun summer camp opportunities exploring science, math, and culture. This year’s sessions will entail themes such as movement, sustainability, the living world, and the things that go zoom.

Students each day will be challenged with hands-on projects that build skills as the week progresses and will take the experience home through science kits or finished projects.

Again, this year’s Camp ‘Imiloa will offer two weeks of separate summer day camp programs, one for girls and one for boys. “Educational research shows that girls display more interest and a higher level of engagement in science and math when in gender specific settings” said Gail Loeffler, ‘Imiloa’s school programs coordinator.

Week 1: *Numbers, Movement, and Games* (8:30 am to 12:00 pm, June 6 - June 10) for grades 3-5: Learn how to play traditional Hawaiian games while brushing up on your math skills. The week will feature lessons from a Capoeira group on rhythm, song and dance, culminating in a special performance on Friday.

Week 2: *Camp for Girls* (8:30 am to 12:00 pm, June 13 - June 17) for grades 5-8: Sustainability and technology are hot buzzwords today, and you will have the opportunity to discover what the fuss is all about. This camp is for girls only, so no boys need apply!

Week 3: *Camp for Boys* (8:30 am to 12:00 pm, June 20 - June 24) for grades 5-8: This camp will cover the same curriculum as the girl’s camp, sustainability. (See above)

Week 4: *Our Living World* (8:30 am to 12:00 pm, June 27 - July 1) for grades 1-3: Bugs, plants, and cells, oh my! They’re fascinating, they’re moving, they’re definitely alive.

Take part in an archeology dig, participate in a creepy crawly scavenger hunt, and watch our new 3D *Bugs*, rainforest adventure show in the planetarium.

Week 5: *Things that Go Zoom!* (8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, July 11 - July 15) for grades 4-6: For one week only, we are offering a morning session on flight and a different afternoon session on other things that go zoom. Sign up for the morning, afternoon, or both sessions.

Space is limited for all camp sessions. Enroll today! Each session of Camp ʻImiloa is \$150 for members and \$175 for nonmembers. Thanks to the support of our valued benefactors, ʻImiloa is able to offer the Girls & Boys camp (June 13 - June 17, June 20 - June 24 respectively) at a significantly reduced rate of \$50/ person to camp registrants. Reserve your spot by purchasing a ticket at the front desk (808) 969-9703.

ʻImiloa provides accommodations for accessibility for persons with disabilities. For accommodations contact Craig Mitchell, at 969-9720 or email cmitchell@imiloahawaii.org ten business days prior to event. ʻImiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaiʻi is located at 600 ʻImiloa Place in Hilo, off Komohana and Nowelo Streets at the UH-Hilo Science and Technology Park. For more information, go to www.imiloahawaii.org, or call (808) 969-9703.

#