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Celebrate Earth Day at Pohakuloa

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – In celebration of Earth Day, the Army is hosting an Earth Day Celebration, here, highlighting the Army's local stewardship efforts to care for natural and cultural resources.

The event will take place, April 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and will include interactive and educational displays.

The Army's Pohakuloa Natural Resources team will highlight their program through 15 different interactive displays, games and garden tours. Interactive displays will focus on the management of threatened and endangered species. During garden tours, visitors will have the opportunity to view some of the unique plants managed at PTA, such as the spiny popolo—one of Hawaii's few spiked native plants. There will also be a series of talks on the biology and natural ecology of Pohakuloa.

The Army's Pohakuloa Cultural Resources team will also have a variety of interactive displays showcasing the Army's efforts to manage and preserve cultural resources. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a virtual, interactive tour of a lava tube and to see the tools and technology Army archaeologists use. Visitors can also try on archaeologists' cave equipment, such as helmets, headlamps, and knee pads. Keiki can become archaeologists-in-training during a mock dig activity and a petroglyph learning experience. There will also be a talk story about the history of the Saddle Region.

Other Earth Day stations at the event will include Army Fire and Emergency Services, which will have fire equipment, vehicles and a hands-on exhibit focusing on wildland fire prevention and suppression.

This event is open to the public. Visitors must show current photo identification at the main gate. Drivers must have a current license, registration, safety inspection, and proof of insurance.

Groups of 10 or more, or individuals requesting special accommodations, should call (808) 969-2403 for assistance.

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