



Aloha Ohana Update

Aloha Scouters! This is the first of what will become a regular communiqué to the Aloha Council Scouting Ohana. The purpose is to provide an informal update from the Scout Executive to our Aloha Ohana.

For those with whom I have yet to meet, please let me introduce myself as the new Scout Executive starting June 16. I come to Aloha Council after serving as the Assistant Scout Executive in the Northern Star Council in St. Paul, Minnesota. My family and I are excited to become part of the community and to join the Aloha team.



Summer camp is open and we are having a great season! This summer began with two sessions of Cub Scout resident camp at Camp Pupukea serving 103 Cubs along with 40 parents and adult leaders. Under the strong leadership of Camp Director John Mills and Program Director Ryan Blangiardi, Pupukea received full accreditation from the BSA which was no small feat as the standards have been completely rewritten this year.



We also conducted 3 successful weeks of summer camp on the neighbor islands with 187 Scouts attending Camp Honokaia on the Big Island and 43 Scouts attending Camp Alan Faye on Kauai.

The 2013 National Jamboree officially opens today at its new home, the Summit in West Virginia. The Aloha Council contingent of 33 youth and 7 adults join nearly 30,000 Scouts, Venturers and leaders from across the country and around the globe who are attending this 10 day encampment. The Summit is now the permanent home for the Boy Scouts of America's National Jamboree, a celebration of

Scouting held every four years. Located on a sprawling 10,600 acres in West Virginia's world-renowned adventure sports region known as the New River Gorge, the Jamboree takes place July 15–24 and embodies the theme "Go Big. Get Wild." You can keep up with the Jamboree at: <https://summit.scouting.org>



Recognition

- Board member Gordon Kagawa was installed as Chairman of the Board for the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Congress on July 6.
- Eagle Scout Zane Grzeszczak of Troop 180 sponsored by Pearl City Elks Lodge of the Kamehameha District has been selected by the National Eagle Scout Association as the Western Region's Winner of the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award for 2013. Eagle Scout Zane's service project involved providing improvements to the USS Utah Memorial bringing it in compliance with the ADA or Americans with Disability Act.
- Past Council President Ron Migita received the Silver Antelope Award at the National Annual Meeting in May in recognition of his service to Scouting on the local and Regional level.

Staff updates

- **Miexia Ah Loy** started on July 1 as new district executive serving Hamakua/Kohala and Kona Districts on the Big Island.
- **Richard Galluzzi** begins on July 16 as the District Executive for Koolau and Hukilau Districts.
- **Thomas "TJ" Cordero** starts August 1 as District Executive for Kamehameha District.
- **Billy Rayl** assumes the role of District Director for Ko Olina District and also as team leader for the districts on Kauai and the Big Island.

Finally, the fall youth recruitment season kicks off beginning in August. We begin the fall season in strong as we are showing a slight lead with membership trending up by 8% in July. The upcoming "Join Scouting Nights" are the time when the majority of young people join Scouting. You can help by encouraging young people you know to join Scouting and be helping to gain access at schools and churches so that all children have the chance to join Scouting.

Stay tuned for future Aloha Ohana Updates. In addition, I am pleased to announce plans for a bi-monthly e-newsletter called the Aloha Alaka`i (Aloha Leader). Registered leaders can look forward to receiving the e-newsletter every other month beginning in August.

Thank you for being part of the Aloha Scouting Ohana and for what you are doing to serve children through Scouting.