



## PROTECT KAHOʻOLAWE ʻOHANA



*Orientation Packet for Volunteers*

*Huakaʻi i Kanaloa-Kahoʻolawe*

**\*\*ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS PACKET IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***

## INTRODUCTION

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) is a community based islands wide grassroots organization founded to protect Kaho'olawe from bombing and desecration by the U.S. Navy. Early warriors of the 'Ohana first touched the 'aina in January 1976. A series of occupations and arrests followed and in 1977 two members , George Helm and Kimo Mitchell disappeared in the ocean off of Kaho'olawe while trying to stop the bombing of the island.

As a result of an 'Ohana civil suit, *Aluli v. Brown*, the U.S. Navy signed an out of court agreement known as the "Consent Decree." The Consent Decree recognized the 'Ohana's intent to be ke kahu o ka 'aina: Stewards committed to protecting the Island of Kaho'olawe. Under the Consent Decree, the Navy was required to protect and preserve the islands historic sites, clear surface ordnance, eradicate goats, implement an erosion prevention program , and allow the 'Ohana monthly access to the island.

On October 22, 1990, the bombing of Kaho'olawe stopped. In May 1994, claimed title to the island was turned over to the State of Hawai'i by the U.S. Navy.

Under HRS Chapter 6K the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is the entity responsible for the management of Kaho'olawe until the island is transferred to a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity. A Palapala 'Aelike Kahu'aina Stewardship Agreement with the KIRC recognizes the 'Ohana as an organization which provides stewardship for the island and its cultural and natural resources. Participants who travel to Kanaloa Kaho'olawe with the 'Ohana sign a set of forms to be considered volunteers for the KIRC.

We go to the island to strengthen our relationship with the land. We are involved in activities to revegetate, regreen and restore the island. We pay our respect to the ancient spirit of the land and recognize a response to our nurturing. We encourage and take to Kanaloa Kaho'olawe interested individuals, students, church and community groups to experience for themselves the beauty and spirit of the island.

### GENERAL POINTS

1. Because the 'Ohana is recognized as having a stewardship role for the island, it has final authority and responsibility during the access.
2. On-island activities shall be for educational, religious, cultural and restorative purposes.
3. Any on island activity must be cleared by the Statewide Access Coordinators before access. The 'Ohana submits access requests to the State of Hawai'i and other entities, as appropriate.
4. Access to the island must be coordinated with the 'Ohana. All boats must be cleared by the 'Ohana.
5. Instructions and guidelines of the UXO Access Guides must be followed.

## Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Vision & Mission

**VISION:** Aloha 'Āina, love of the land

**MISSION:** To perpetuate Aloha 'Āina throughout our islands through cultural, educational, and spiritual activities that heal and revitalize the cultural and natural resources on Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe.

# The 'Ohana as Kahu O Ka 'Āina

In our work to heal Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe, we strengthen our relationship with the land and honor our kūpuna. On our own islands, we work to protect the cultural and natural resources of our ancestral lands.

## ORIENTATION

Huaka'i begins at orientation. All interested parties **MUST** attend an orientation and safety briefing in order to be allowed to participate on an access to Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe.

- Orientation helps to ensure the safety of the participants
- Introduction to the Kua (backbone, refers to those who are willing to bend their backs in hard work to ensure safe and successful huaka'i)
- Introduction to Access Guides (specially trained in UXO identification and safety procedures and certified by the KIRC)
- Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe is a wahi pana and pu'u honua
- Safe and healthy living environment
- Understanding that the appearance is rugged and the ecosystem is very fragile
- Keep human impact to a minimum

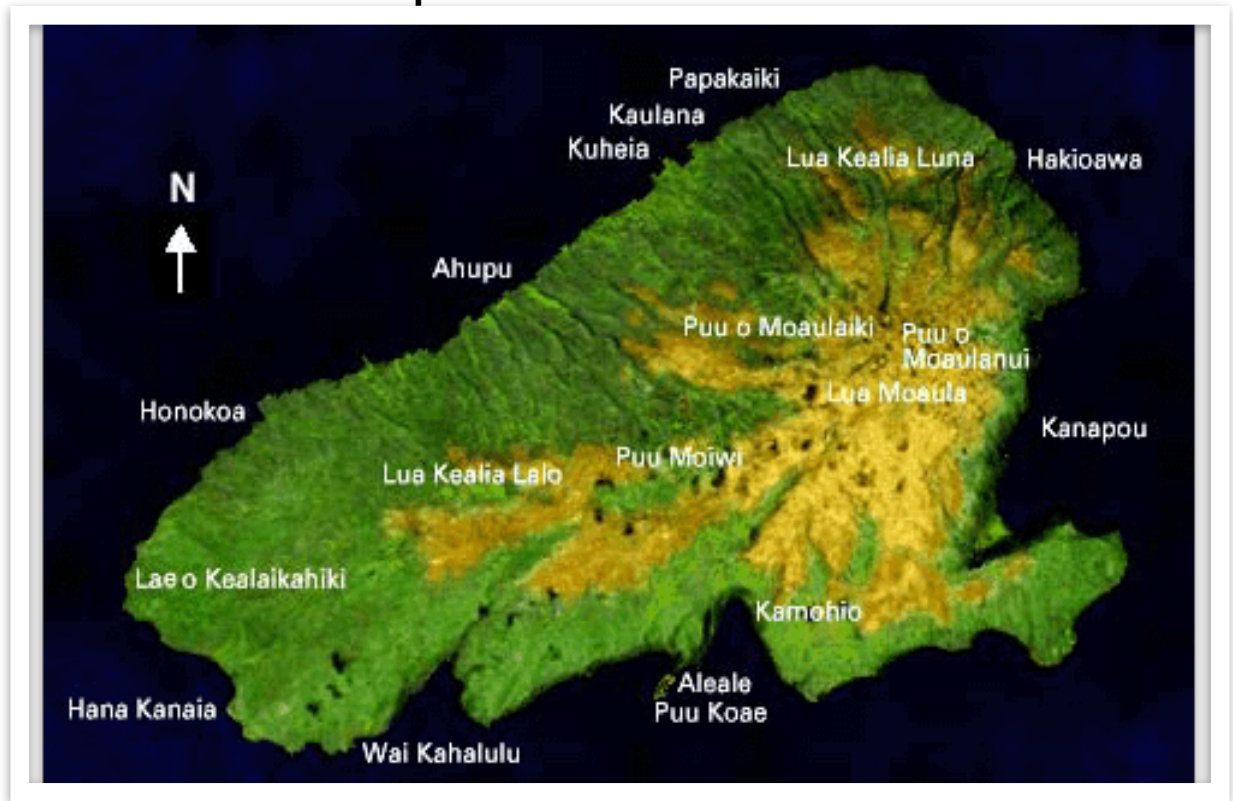
*Topics to be covered at orientation:*

- PKO Vision & Mission
- Logistics – Schedule
- Safety
- Sanctions & Access Forms
- Basic Island Rules
- Ukana – what to pack/bring & how to pack it
- First Aid & Medical Emergency Notification
- Cultural Protocols
- Natural & Cultural Resource Protection
- Common Questions

## Huaka'i

Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe is rugged; it is a physically, mentally, and spiritually challenging place. Kūpuna have cautioned us that Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe is not for everyone. Participants *must* have the support of their 'ohana in order to go to and return from Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe safely. Most importantly, each individual must feel in his or her na'au that they are ready for Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe.

## Map of Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe



## LOGISTICS

DAY	MAJOR ACTIVITY
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants arrive on Maui (Kahului OGG Airport) by 8pm</li> <li>• Trucks will shuttle participants to Hawaiian Canoe Club</li> <li>• Food is NOT provided on the first night and the first meal on island is not until lunch on Thursday. Please eat a good meal <i>before</i> coming and/or bring food to eat.</li> <li>• Kua will go over boat assignments &amp; last-minute safety protocol</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wake up call is around 4am (determined by Boat Captain). Participants on the first boat will depart for Ma'alaea. Participants on second &amp; third boats will leave for Kihei Boat Harbor on bus.</li> <li>• Arrive Hakioawa, Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe via Pualele and will be shuttled in-shore via PKO zodiac.</li> <li>• Set Imu</li> <li>• Set up camp, in-camp safety and UXO briefing, informational tour of archaeological sites within Hakioawa</li> <li>• Work Projects</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Project               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ala Loa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holo Mauka               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moa'ulaiki</li> <li>• Ko'a Naulu – Ho'okupu wai</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Breakdown camp, breakdown kitchen, prepare for dawn departure</li> <li>• Kūkākūkā</li> </ul>
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart Hakioawa, Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe beginning at daybreak via 'Ohana zodiac and Pualele</li> <li>• Pualele will return participants to Kihei Boat Harbor, where bus will pick up participants around 11am.</li> <li>• Schedule departure flight from OGG after 2pm</li> </ul>

*Note: Schedule may be subject to change. We ask that participants are flexible and willing to “nalu” toward adjustments to the daily schedules.*

## WATER SAFETY

- While in the water, all instructions are relayed from
  - Pualele Captain or other boat captain (while on boat)
  - Zodiac Driver (while on the zodi)
- Transfer from Pualele/boat to zodiac
  - Sit butt on gunwale, swing legs over and drop into zodiac. *DO NOT step down into zodiac.*
- Transfer from zodiac to ocean
  - Swing legs over the pontoon. *Absolutely NO diving.*
- **CAUTION:** When in ocean, at all times, *DO NOT FIND YOURSELF BEHIND ZODIAC. Also, no bodysurfing, horseplay, or yelling during landing and departure. Participants should be quiet and listen for instructions from zodi driver, crew, and Kua.*
- Unloading ukana
  - Facing one another, form a chute to pass ukana. Hold onto ukana until next person confirms they have the item. A wave can cause the item to become a projectile.
- You *must* know how to swim.
- Identify & mālama weak swimmers.
- Protect your feet by wearing tabis or old tennis shoes (Tabis highly recommended). Crocs, Texas, or Vibrams will not suffice.
- Identify water safety crew.

## UXO (Unexploded Ordnance) SAFETY

- Kaho'olawe was used as a bombing range for 50 years from 1941-1990.
- Limits of free-roam within Hakioawa
- Reporting Procedures
  - If you see a UXO, or what you believe to be a UXO, notify an Access Guide or Kua immediately
- **KAHO'OLAWÉ'S GOLDEN RULE: IF YOU DIDN'T DROP IT, DON'T PICK IT UP!**
- UXO Boundary Markers

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE & COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

- Pū: when pū sounds, go immediately to where the sound is coming from, i.e., kitchen, zodi shed/ beach. The pū is our main form of communication.
- If there is an emergency, notify a kua *immediately*.
- On-island point of contact
- KIRC Liaisons/KIRC Base and 911

# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

- If participants are traveling from outside of Maui County:
  - A COVID-19 test will be needed within 72 hours of travel. The test must be done at a State of Hawai'i trusted travel partner.
  - Go to [hawaiiicovid19.com](http://hawaiiicovid19.com) to find a trusted testing site.
  - Participants must also register for an account and upload trip information to Hawai'i Safe Travels ([travel.hawaii.gov](http://travel.hawaii.gov)).
- ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL:
  - Wear face coverings at all times. Everyone should pack at least one face covering for each day, as face coverings will get dirty and sweaty. Acceptable face coverings include:
    - Face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth, have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric. The face covering must fit snugly against the sides of the face without gaps.
    - Gaiters must be made from at least two layers of fabric.
    - Disposable face masks.
  - Practice physical distancing by maintaining distances of 6 feet or more from other participants when possible.
- While in transit on the ocean:
  - All participants must wear face coverings at all times, including transfer between vessels.
  - Face coverings may be removed when entering the water to swim to shore.
  - Face coverings should be worn when reaching shore.
- While on island
  - Face coverings must be worn at all times.
  - Participants must employ proper hand washing and/or cleaning with hand sanitizer on a regular and consistent basis.
  - Participants will practice physical distancing at all times.
  - Face coverings may be removed when participants are outdoors and at proper physical distance from others.
  - Temperature readings and well checks will be conducted daily. A participant will be asked to quarantine in his/her tent if a fever or symptoms are detected.
- Food Safety
  - All meals will be served by two designated kua.
  - All participants will wash and sanitize hands before and after every meal.
  - Meals will be individually served on one-time use plates and utensils. Seconds of any dish will be served on a new plate.
  - Participants will keep face coverings on except when actively eating or drinking.
  - Hand sanitizer will be placed on table including next to water and beverage containers.

- Participants must sanitize hands before touching beverage containers, including water/hot water/coffee dispensing knobs.
- Spritz bottles with rubbing alcohol will be placed next to beverage containers to sanitize on a regular basis.
- No sharing snacks
  - Snacks will be individually wrapped.
- All water filtration, accessing of coolers, and refills of beverage containers will be done by the designated kua.
- Lua (restrooms)
  - In addition to the guidelines listed in the Clivus Multrum restrooms, the following procedures will be followed.
    - Internal and external door handles will be sanitized after each use.
    - Toilet seat will be sanitized after each use.
  - Spray bottles with rubbing alcohol will be located in each lua.
  - Hand sanitizer will be provided to sanitize hands.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES, ALL COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.

## **SANCTIONS**

- Failure to follow established rules and code of conduct and/or unsafe behavior may result in removal from island at own expense.
- Serious disregard of PKO rules and policy may result in rejection of future huaka'i requests.



## HUAKA'I COSTS

Cash or check payable to **Protect Kaho'olawe Fund**. This covers:

- Round-trip transportation to and from Kahului (OGG) Airport
- Round-trip boat transportation to and from Kaho'olawe
- Accommodations to camp on island
- Meals on island
- Supplies and equipment, including maintenance
- A PKO Aloha 'Āina t-shirt may be purchased separately for \$15
- Preferable to turn in fees, PKO form and KIRC volunteer forms at orientation
- Airfare is *not* included, please book your own reservations to and from Kahului (OGG), Maui
- Huaka'i costs are shared by having each volunteer contribute \$200 for a 4-day huaka'i and \$220 for a 5-day huaka'i. Payment should be submitted at orientation.
- Cancellations by participants up to one week before the access can be reimbursed. Cancellations made less than a week in advance cannot be reimbursed as the money will have already been spent for shopping and committed for the boat. Reimbursements will be made if the huaka'i is canceled due to bad weather or other unavoidable circumstances.

Fee is subject to Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana discretion and may vary due to length of huaka'i, food costs, fuel costs, etc.

## BASIC ISLAND RULES

- Aloha
- Mālama
- Kōkua
- Absolutely no drugs, alcohol, or weapons
- No cell phones, iPads, or iPods
- No room service

## UKANA – THINGS TO BRING/PACK

- 8-10 plastic garbage bags, 3 mil.
- At least 1 roll of duct tape
- Face Coverings, at least one for every day
- 1 set nightwear (warm clothing)
- Sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
- Tent (preferably a single-person or two-man)
- Hiking gear: wide-mouthed water bottle (1L), hiking shoes (preferably hiking boots with sufficient ankle support; NO Vibrams, Tevas, etc., *MUST BE COVERED SHOES*), socks, and backpack.
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Swimwear & long-sleeved rash guard
- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Phosphate-free liquid soap for bathing (i.e., Joy, Ivory or Sea Soap)
- Personal toiletries (i.e. toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Towel
- Thick-soled slippers
- Several sets of work clothes (long pants & long-sleeved shirt)
- Light jacket or windbreaker
- 1-2 sets day wear (clothes that you wouldn't mind getting dirty)
- Hat, sunglasses, Chap-stick
- Any medication that you may need, including albuterol inhalers for asthma and Epipens
- Optional: pareo/kīkepa, snacks, camera, clothes pins, work gloves, handsaws, musical instruments, fins, wet suit, tarp with cord, pocket knife.

## USEFUL ITEMS TO HAVE, JUST-IN-CASE

- Assorted Band-Aids
- Moleskin/Blister Block
- Tweezers
- Adhesive Tape
- Disposable rain poncho
- Ibuprofen/Advil
- Gold Bond
- Hand Sanitizer

## PACKING

- Before you pack, lay out all your gear and put 1/3 of it back. You don't need a lot of stuff.
- Make sure you have any medication you may need. Occasionally there are bees and wasps on island and jellyfish in the ocean. If you are allergic, please bring proper medication.
- Allergies and Asthma – You should have proper medication with you at all times. Please let someone else know where your medication is in case of an emergency.
- Prohibited items – metal frame backpacks, hard suitcases, tents requiring metal or wooden poles, sharp objects that are not contained, any type of illicit drugs, and alcohol. Leave radios, iPods, iPads, etc., at home.
- We go to Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe to enjoy its peace, tranquility, and beauty.
- Please limit yourself to ONE duffel bag
  - Pack simply, you don't need a lot of stuff
- Pack your sleeping bag & nightwear (warm clothing) for the overnight on Maui on the very top of your bag.
- Also, pack your swimwear and tabis on the top of your bag.
- At the very bottom of your bag, pack a pair of clean clothes to change into when we return to Maui on Sunday.
- Note: Pack items that *must* be kept dry in individual Ziploc bags.
- Evening on Maui:
  - Pull out your sleeping bag & nightwear to sleep. Also, leave out your swimwear and tabis for the next morning.
  - Double or triple bag your duffel into 3 mil garbage bags and leave unsecured so you can put your sleeping gear into the bag in the morning
  - When you wake up, pack your sleeping gear and secure the garbage bags with duct tape. Mark your bag with your initials or unique symbol so that it is easily identifiable
  - DO NOT mark your bag with an "X" or an "O", as these symbols denote 'ōpala (trash) bags.

## FIRST AID

- Identification of first aid and emergency responders
- Please advise kua of health conditions (i.e. allergies) that may affect you on the huaka'i
- Emergency protocols exist and will be reviewed on island
- Kaho'olawe is a harsh environment. Please take necessary precautions:
  - Sunscreen & hat/visor/sunglasses
  - Drink LOTS of water!
  - Watch where you walk, wear appropriate footwear
  - Slips, trips, and falls...pay attention!
  - Rodents, vermin and feral cats
  - Poisonous and stinging insects, i.e., bees, wasps, spiders, centipedes, scorpions, and fire ants.

# CULTURAL PROTOCOLS

## OLI KĀHEA

He haki nu'anu'a nei kai  
'O 'awa ana i uka  
Pehea e hiki aku ai  
'O ka leo  
Mai pa'a i ka leo

Indeed a rough & crashing sea  
A bitter cold from the uplands  
How is it that one lands?  
It is the voice  
Don't hold back the voice

*Entry protocol is for the purpose of requesting permission to arrive onto Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe. This chant is kapu to Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe and only to be used there.*

## OLI HO'OKU'U – Ke Noi 'A'ama

'O 'awe kuhi, 'o kai uli  
Kuhikau, kuhikau  
E hō mai i 'a'ama  
I 'a'ama aha  
I 'a'ama 'ia au

Pointing tentacle of the deep sea  
Direct, direct  
Grant also an 'a'ama  
An 'a'ama for what?  
An 'a'ama releasing me from my obligation as your guest

*Departure protocol is for the purpose of requesting permission for departure from Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe (not just physical departure, but also mental & spiritual departure). The 'a'ama crab is offered as leverage.*

## E ALA Ē

E ala ē  
Ka lā i ka hikina  
I ka moana  
Ka moana hōhonu  
Pi'i ka lewa  
Ka lewa nu'u  
I ka hikina  
Aia ka lā  
E ala ē

Arise!  
The sun in the East  
In the ocean  
The deep dark ocean  
Climb into the sky  
The highest level of the sky  
In the East  
There is the sun!  
Arise!

## E HŌ MAI

E hō mai ka 'ike mai luna mai ē  
'O nā mea hūnā nō'eau o nā mele ē  
E hō mai,  
E hō mai,  
E hō mai ē

Repeat 3X

Grant knowledge that filters from above  
Of the hidden things, the wise things that are  
concealed in the chants  
Grant us,  
Grant us,  
Grant us

## **NĀ 'AUMĀKUA**

Nā 'aumākua mai ka lā hiki a ka lā kau  
Mai ka ho'oku'i a ka hālāwai  
Nā 'aumākua ia ka hina kua, ia ka hina alo  
Ia ka 'akau i ka lani  
'O kīhā i ka lani,  
'Owē i ka lani,  
Nunulu i ka lani,  
Kāholo i ka lani  
Eia ka pulapula a 'oukou, 'o Kūkulu ke Ea a  
Kanaloa  
E mālama 'oukou iā mākou  
E ulu i ka lani,  
E ulu i ka hōnua,  
E ulu i ka pae 'āina 'o Hawai'i  
E hō mai ka 'ike  
E hō mai ka ikaika  
E hō mai ke akamai  
E hō mai ka maopopo pono  
E hō mai ka 'ike pāpālua  
E hō mai ka mana

Ye ancestral deities from the rising to the setting  
sun  
From tge zenith to the horizon  
Ye ancestral deities who stand at our back and  
at our front,  
Ye who stand at our right hand  
A breathing in the heavens,  
An utterance in the heavens,  
A clear, ringing voice in the heavens,  
A voice reverberating in the heavens,  
We are your progeny, Kūkulu ke Ea a Kanaloa  
Safeguard us  
Growth to the heavens  
Growth to the Earth  
Growth to the islands of Hawai'i  
Grant knowledge  
Grant strength  
Grant intelligence  
Grant divine understanding  
Grant intuitive insight  
Grant divine power

## MORE ABOUT KAHO‘OLAWE

- Natural and cultural resource preserve
  - Flora and fauna
- Fishing and marine gathering moratorium
- Cultural sites
  - Walk lightly
  - Do not remove any pōhaku or artifacts
  - Please exhibit proper respect to kūpuna
- *BIO-SECURITY*
  - Please clean your shoes, fins, snorkel masks, backpack, sleeping bags, tents, etc., as appropriate to prevent any unwanted critters, seeds, invasive limu, etc., from entering the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve.

## MOST COMMON QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

1. Q: Are there toilets?  
A: Yes, there are four (4) Clivus Multrum composting toilets
2. Q: Where can I find more information about Kanaloa-Kaho‘olawe  
A: More info may be found on the PKO website, [www.kahoolawe.org](http://www.kahoolawe.org) or on the KIRC website, [www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov](http://www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov)