

State of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: Approval to Issue a Permit at Ahupua'a 'O Kahana State Park, Ko'olauloa,
O'ahu to Nā Kamalei for Educational Purposes

Nā Kamalei held educational learning programs for parents and pre-school children in Kahana between 1997 and 1999 and has requested permission to bring the program back to the park. The Division of State Parks issued a Special Use Permit (SUP) to Nā Kamalei for use of the classroom in the Orientation Center at Ahupua'a 'O Kahana State Park in November 2007 for 60 days. This SUP was issued on a temporary basis to give Nā Kamalei a chance to conduct an outreach to the residents of Kahana to assess the level of participation by these families in the park, as well as the level of interest from the neighboring communities in Ko'olauloa.

The goal of Nā Kamalei is to promote and implement early childhood and family-based education programs and to make the programs available to all families in Ko'olauloa. Their services consist of early childhood education resources, a curriculum using songs, stories, and publications, home support for child development, field trips, parenting education, and Native Hawaiian cultural sharing. The program services families with children from the ages of 18 months to 3 years and utilizes the nationally recognized Parents as Teachers (PAT) curriculum.

Preference for participation in the Nā Kamalei program is given to Native Hawaiians and the incorporation of native Hawaiian values and language is integral to the program delivery. Kahana provides an opportunity for adults and children to connect with Hawaiian traditions and values, and cultural sites such as the restored *lo'i kalo* and Huilua Fishpond. The residents of Kahana are being encouraged to share their knowledge and history of Kahana with the adults and children as part of the park's interpretive program.

Programs are offered as 9-week sessions with thematic curriculum, music, and field trips. Kahana would be used once or twice a week to provide a site for these activities during each session. Some of the activities will occur at park sites, but most of the activity will take place in the classroom at the Orientation Center from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The residents have been consulted to insure that Nā Kamalei's use of the park does not conflict with any other park programs or regular use of the building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorize the Division of State Parks to issue a year long permit to Nā Kamalei for the use of the Orientation Center at Ahupua'a 'O Kahana State Park for educational purposes. The use of the building will not exceed two days a week and Nā Kamalei will assume full responsibility for the people involved in the program, as

well as all items placed and used within the building. The permit can be renewed subject to annual review and approval by the Board. The permit will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Nā Kamalei will provide a certificate of insurance naming the State of Hawaii as an additionally insured for a minimum coverage in the amount of \$2 million for general aggregate and \$1 million for each occurrence.
2. Nā Kamalei will coordinate all activities in the park with the Kahana Interpretive Coordinator.
3. Nā Kamalei will be responsible for the repair, replacement or payment for any damages caused to the building by the program.
4. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interest of the State.

Respectfully submitted,



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State Parks Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson