



Hālau 'Ōhi'a

Hawai'i Stewardship Training

- Engaging with our landscapes through Hawai'i lifeways -

Aloha to you,

"I ola 'oe, i ola mākou nei" is a simple, yet profound thought that says, "I am interdependent on you, and you are interdependent on me." As island people, we know this to be true in the way that we interact with each other, our families and our community. Sometimes we may forget to include our natural environment as a part of our family community.



Hawai'i lifeways, sometimes expressed as Hawaiian

culture, teaches us that the landscape, sky, and the ocean ARE our family! By learning a little more about the Hawai'i lifeways, language, ritual, music, hula, poetry, chant, wahi pana or pulsing places, the arts and many other aspects--we learn more about how to express aloha for the POTENTIAL of our island homes in Hawai'i and beyond Hawai'i...AND, for ourselves.

Me ke aloha,

Kekuhi Keali'ikanaka'oleohaililani, Founder & Trainer of Hālau 'Ōhi'a

Hālau 'Ōhi'a is not a one-woman act. It takes a village. And so, special recognition goes to the leadership and staff at the U.S. Forest Service, Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry who took a BOLD step in recognizing the potential of Hālau 'Ōhi'a training.

WHAT IS HĀLAU 'ŌHI'A

Hā-lau means "numerous breaths." A hālau is also a formal space for learning a Hawai'i skill. 'Ōhi'a is the fire tree and the water gatherer ~ one of the fundamental stewards of Hawai'i forest systems.

Hālau 'Ōhi'a is a unique development opportunity for stewards of the natural landscape to learn Hawai'i lifeways to enhance the ways that we engage with our 'āina community and kanaka community, professionally and personally. Hālau 'Ōhi'a will focus both on the learning of Hawai'i cultural skills, and, more importantly, how to apply those skills to our personal lives and our stewardship professions.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Anyone in 'āina, lanī and kai or land, atmospheric and ocean stewardship, at any level, from federal, state, private, public, non-profit, and community organizations, involved in environmental science and research, natural resource management, or committed to our natural landscape's well being is welcome. We encourage participants from all areas of experience including administration and office staff, interns, field technicians, researchers, law enforcement staff, educators, students, outreach staff, consultants, managers, ecotour facilitators, *etc.* Youth are welcome with adult supervision.

This special Iākea online cohort welcomes anyone who feels connected to nature and anyone who would love to feel more connected to nature. If you would like to learn how to connect more deeply to our relatives in nature through Hawai'i life ways...YOU ARE VERY WELCOME!!

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM LIKE? WHAT DO WE DO?

There are five levels in Hālau 'Ōhi'a, each building upon the learnings and foundations from the previous level, beginning with Hua, or the "seedling" class, and advancing to A'a a Mole, Mokulehua, Mokuhālī'i, and finally 'Ōhi'alaka, or the "mature, expansive 'ōhi'a forest" class. The training will incorporate activities that engage learners in Hawai'i lifeways, including: Hawai'i language, ka'ao or story, oli or chant, mele or song, Hawai'i protocol, spirituality, family life, environmental kinship, poetry, art, plants, hula and the practice of kūahu, wahipana, ahupua'a and wao (traditional land management views), hei or ritual string figures, akua and elemental phenomenon, Hawaiian cosmology, mo'okū'auhau (genealogy), 'ohe kāpala or Hawaiian designs, kīhei or ritual wear, and more.

The entire Hālau 'Ōhi'a Iākea will be set up on our *ONLINE* course platform. If you follow our schedule, you will be able to complete Papa Hua (Module/Level 1 Training) online in 13 weeks (May 16, 2021 – August 14, 2021). In addition to the main online course, I will offer Hālau 'Ōhi'a Iākea LIVE every 1-3weeks (see schedule below). This is when we get into community and engage at a more intimate level. The curriculum is delivered in a dynamic facilitation style with lecture, group activities, individual reflection, oral activities, creative writing, and the like. All this curriculum is based in the stories and chants of the Hawai'i life cycle and is enhanced by YOUR personal experiences in the natural landscape.

****Commitment to all 5-levels is not necessary. Folks have taken just Level 1-Hua Training for skill & knowledge enhancement. However, if you are seeking ways to INTEGRATE & APPLY concepts and skills to your programs/research, a full level 1-5 engagement is recommended.***

Level 1 Training - Hua: *The seed.* The 'ōhi'a seed is a relatively tiny body that houses the potential of a forest. Hua level training introduces learners to personal engagement with our 'ohana or family in nature and with one another.

Level 2 Training - A'a a Mole: *From rootlets to setting down the tap root.* A'a a Mole level training supports rooting and solidifying our learning and learning process as introduced in the Hua. We clarify the Hawai'i lifeway topic that personally resonates the most, we settle our tap root down into the earth. At the A'a a Mole level, learners will discover how to deepen what we've learned in the first level. Emphasis will be on expanding: mele-poetic text base, understanding how ka'ao or mythological images work, and going deeper into the study of the union of cultural/natural resources management and Hawai'i lifeways. We will practice more, discuss more, learn more, and gently deepen and spread our roots. Possibility of huaka'i.**

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Level 3 Training - Mokulehua: *A forest of 'ōhi'a lehua.* Establishing a mokulehua is establishing and sustaining a community. We will continue to expand and deepen our learning from previous trainings as we strengthen our skills in kuahu, ka'ao, hula & hei, and mele & oli. Possibility of huaka'i.**

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Level 4 Training - Mokuhāli'i: *The spreading of the 'ōhi'a forest like a blanket.* Learners will begin dispersing their "hua" and learn how to transmit and document what they've learned. A huaka'i (journey)** and talk story with other communities will help our moku (forest) hāli'i (cover/spread).

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Level 5 Training - 'Ōhi'alaka: *The evapotranspiration or breathing of the forest--creating weather and other benefits for island residents.* At this last level of training, the learner is ready to teach, she/he is now kumu 'ōhi'a or the tree itself...you are ready to conduct simple on-site ritual, articulate relationships between 'āina, kai, lani, and you and the globe, hula and chant the story of these relationships, and create a simple curriculum for staff, family, community and groups you serve. Out of state travel is a possibility.** Participants will engage in a ceremony as a rite of passage.

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WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS?

You will get the most from the experience by joining with an open mind, a good attitude, and the intention of applying your learning to your professional and personal lives. Be willing to learn from what I have to share, from each other, from the community, and from the landscape.

SUPPLIES

Some course supplies will be mailed to you after you register. All audio and PDF resources are included in the course. You will be responsible for all other course materials. I'll let you know what those are as we move along.

WHEN ARE THE SESSIONS?

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LIVE Zooms: You will be sent a link soon after you register.

- Live 1: Saturday 05/29 8:30am - 11:00am
- Live 2: Saturday 06/12 8:30am - 11:00am
- Live 3: Saturday 07/03 8:30am - 11:00am
- Live 4: Saturday 07/17 8:30am - 11:30am *note the added time*
- Live 5: Saturday 07/31 8:30am - 11:30am
- Live 6: Saturday 08/14 8:30am - 11:30am

WHAT'S THE TUITION RATE & HOW DO I REGISTER?

The tuition for the full Papa Hua Module 1 Training (13 weeks) is a one-time payment of \$600.00 (plus a 4.71% Sales Tax)*. Monthly payments are available for your convenience at \$265/mo. Your first payment of \$265 is made upon registration and you will be billed \$265 each month on the same day you registered. **Only** online payments are excepted. See our refund policy in the Terms of Agreement.