



# APRIL IS TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAI'I

## 2011 Tsunami Education Activities and Events

***Do you know the natural warning signs for a Tsunami? Do you know what to do if a tsunami warning is issued? Does your family have an emergency plan? Tsunami preparedness information will be made available at the following events:***

NOAA's National Weather Service in Hawai'i will conduct the annual Tsunami Awareness Month campaign throughout April to raise public attention to the dangers Tsunamis and to commemorate the 159 lives lost to the April 1, 1946, tsunami – the most destructive in Hawai'i's history.

In support of Tsunami Awareness Month, NOAA is unveiling its new mobile phone web application. This mobile web app is based on the popular Hawai'i Tsunami Information Service, an online resource for tsunami information for the State of Hawai'i. The service was used by more than 110,000 people during the recent tsunami warning on March 11, 2011. This resource contains an interactive tsunami evacuation zone map that is searchable by address and includes additional tsunami preparedness and evacuation information. The service is applicable statewide, and was recently updated with the latest tsunami evacuation zones for the island of O'ahu. The service can be accessed on a computer or by mobile phone by visiting <http://tsunami.csc.noaa.gov>.

In a partnership between NOAA, the State of Hawai'i and other local officials a Tsunami Safety Booklet was developed to promote tsunami awareness. This booklet, modeled after the Fire Safety Booklet used for years in the classroom, was designed to educate school-aged children in the state of Hawai'i about the dangers of tsunamis. The Tsunami Safety Booklet will be available as a special insert in the April 1, 2011 edition of the Honolulu Star Advertiser. It will also be distributed at public and private schools throughout the state during Tsunami Safety Month. Download the booklet online at [http://www.csc.noaa.gov/psc/documents/HTSB\\_FINAL\\_smfile.pdf](http://www.csc.noaa.gov/psc/documents/HTSB_FINAL_smfile.pdf).

NOAA also will sponsor display booths and keiki activities at several public events to help families prepare for tsunamis. Events Include:

### **O'ahu**

#### **March 28-31**

##### **Tsunami Awareness Course**

Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel, 2500 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu

The University of Hawai'i's National Disaster Preparedness Training Center provides this FEMA-certified course for state and local government officials, as well as private and non-profit organizations. It enhances participants' abilities to support their organizations' tsunami preparedness and response efforts.

Registration closes March 18. Info: <http://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training.html>

#### **April 1**

##### **Tsunami Awareness Month Kick-off Event**

10am – 11:30am, Jefferson Elementary School, 324 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu

Governor Neil Abercrombie will present a proclamation announcing Tsunami Awareness Month in Hawai'i, followed by a tsunami awareness and safety presentation to students, teachers, and parents given by Dr. Gerard Fryer and Manny Mattos. Info: Shelly Ichishita, State Civil Defense, 808-733-4300.

**April 1**

**Statewide Tsunami Communications Test (Kai Mimiki 2011)**

11:45am

Hawai'i State Civil Defense, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, National Weather Service, and other State/County agencies will test their tsunami communication systems, including a special Emergency Alert System message. (No public involvement). Info: Shelly Ichishita, State Civil Defense, 808-733-4300.

**April 9**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day: Mauka to Makai**

9am – 2pm, Waikiki Aquarium, 2777 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu

The event will showcase the efforts of more than 20 city, state and federal agencies to preserve and protect Hawaii's environment. NOAA and Civil Defense partners will sponsor displays, keiki activities, and provide tsunami preparedness materials. Free admission. Info: Michael Cantin, National Weather Service, 808-973-5275.

**April 16**

**YMCA Healthy Kids Day**

9am – 2pm, Bishop Museum, 1525 Bernice St, Honolulu

Family event that encourages parents and their children to come out and have fun while learning about being healthy. State Civil Defense and National Weather Service will host a booth and provide natural hazard preparedness information. Free admission for Kama'aina and Military with ID. Info: Shelly Ichishita, State Civil Defense, 808-733-4300,  
[http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/about/news/healthy\\_kids\\_day](http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/about/news/healthy_kids_day)

**Hawai'i**

**April 15**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hawai'i Community College Earth Day Fair**

9am – 4pm, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Campus Center Plaza & Library  
Lanai, 200 West Kawili St, Hilo

Free admission. Info: Roberta Brashear-Kaulfers, UH, 808-966-7002,  
<http://www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/eday/>

**April 17**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tsunami Story Festival: I Grew up on Piopio St**

6pm, Sangha Hall, 398 Kilauea Ave, Hilo

Piopio St. was once a thriving community of many different businesses interspersed with homes and fruit trees and one that elicits many fond memories of life, before it was wiped out by the 1960 tsunami. Individuals who grew up on Piopio St. will share their childhood memories as well as their tsunami experiences. Reservations and Info: 808-935-0926.

**April 29**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Laupahoe Point Memorial Service and Service Project**

9am, Laupahoe Beach Park

The program will begin at 9am with a Remembrance Ceremony for those who

were lost in the 1946 tsunami. Attending will be students from Laupahoehoe School, senior citizens, and other community members. After the ceremony, attendees will work together on service projects to enhance the park and share lunch with each other. Info: 808-935-0926.

## **Moloka'i**

**April 22**

### **Moloka'i Earth Day Celebration**

9am – 2pm, Mitchell Pauole Community Center, 90 Ainoa St, Kaunakakai  
NOAA and Civil Defense partners will sponsor keiki activities and provide tsunami preparedness information. Info: Michael Cantin, National Weather Service, 808-973-5275.

## **Kaua'i**

**March 31**

### **Kaua'i Tsunami Awareness Month Proclamation**

2pm, Lihu'e Civic Center, 4444 Rice St, Lihu'e  
Mayor Carvalho will present a proclamation to Kaua'i Civil Defense, State Civil Defense, and Dr. Gerard Fryer from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center announcing Tsunami Awareness Month in Kaua'i. Info: Mary Daubert, Kaua'i Mayor's Office, 808-241-4909.

**April 1**

### **Kaua'i Civil Air Patrol Flyover**

11:45am  
Civil Air Patrol will flyover Kaua'i locations in conjunction with the monthly siren and Emergency Alert System tests. Info: Mary Daubert, Kaua'i Mayor's Office, 808-241-4909.

**April 8-9**

### **Contractors Association of Kaua'i Home Show**

2:30pm – 9pm Fri, 9am – 2:30pm Sat, Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall, Lihu'e  
Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency experts will be on-hand to answer questions and provide disaster preparedness information. Free admission. Info: Mary Daubert, Kaua'i Mayor's Office, 808-241-4909.

**For additional information, contact:**  
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