Field Sites: Grade 4

Lo‘i Kalo and Garden

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Keiki o ka ‘Āina (KOKA) is committed to building strong communities by building strong families. Their mission is to communicate the vital importance of education, advocating for literacy, supporting parents as their child's first and best teacher, and empowering families to undertake leadership roles in their communities. All of this is done within the context of Hawaiian language, traditions and culture.

Pacific American Foundation (PAF) is partnering with KOKA to offer hands-on activities in the field while aligning to the Department of Education’s Hawai‘i Content and Performance Standards.

General Agenda
9:00 a.m.    Arrive at Keiki o ka ‘Āina
9:15 a.m.    Welcome and introductions - overview of the site,
9:30 a.m.    Divide into learning hui (stations). Rotate approximately every half hour.

Hui #1...Native and non-native plants – Students hear mo‘olelo (stories) and learn about the native plants on property. They will have an opportunity to harvest a non-native plant, ‘ohe (bamboo), and learn about its uses. They will cut and shape a bamboo implement, which they can share with their families.

Hui #2...Kāpe‘e Mai’a (banana wristlet) – Students will learn about Kalihi and how the valley was once a site for the training of hula practitioners. They will enhance their cordage-making techniques by making a kāpe‘e, using banana fibers.

Hui #3...Malama KOKA – Students will have an opportunity to participate in a stewardship project. They will work with staff to weed and plant a mala (garden). They will also learn about the lo‘i kalo and the innovative techniques being used to funnel rain water to irrigate their gardens.

11:00 a.m.   Clean up and Aloha
11:15 a.m.   Ua pau