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College Bound Student Looking for a Host Family

HUOA is assisting a female graduate of Okinawa Shogaku Senior High School find a host family to live with while she attends Kapiolani Community College. Any host family within walking or biking distance to the college is preferred. She is majoring in Hospitality/Tourism and has plans to transfer to the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She currently resides in Naha with her parents and younger brother, studies English (since the 7th grade), will assist in chores, and offers to teach the host family about Okinawan culture and sanshin. She enjoys playing volleyball and has previously participated in an exchange program with a school in Taiwan. And yes, this is the high school that won the Japan national baseball championship this year! We need your help! If you would like more information or can be her host family, please contact HUOA at 676-5400 or huoa@huoa.org.

Celebrate Okinawan Food & Culture

@ Lama Library, Kapi'olani Community College
Saturday, July 26th

Celebrate! Join us for a special day centering around Okinawan food and culture. Exhibits open at **10 am**, with events starting at **11 am**.

*On Sale: The ever popular **Andagi** (and **Anda-dog!**) . . . and delicious servings of **Nantu** (Okinawan sweet potato mochi).*

Three Great Exhibits on FOOD! The Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, **Key Ingredients**, explores the fascinating topic of food in America. A local component, **Hawaii by Food**, examines Hawaii's food culture and "local food." The **Oroku Restaurant** exhibition tells the remarkable story of Okinawan-owned restaurants in Hawaii. [Japanese translations of all 3 exhibits available.]

ALL events and parking are FREE!

[For event schedule click here.](#) For more information, please visit: <http://kcc.hawaii.edu> or call 808.734.9562.

26TH OKINAWAN FESTIVAL UPDATE

35 days left before construction begins!

39 days left before the Okinawan Festival!

Want to volunteer at the Festival?

Contact us at huoa@huoa.org or call 676-5400

Okinawan Festival T-Shirt Preview

Check it out! Here's a preview of another one of the Okinawan Festival T-Shirts!

Okinawan Festival Scrips

Deadline: August 4, 2008

Final deadline for all money/unsold scrip turn-in date is August 4, 2008. Contact Jerry Miyasato if you are unable to meet the final deadline to make special arrangements. Jerry: 951-1275.

Manpower Needed for Set Up and Breakdown

Tuesday, August 26, 8 am to 4:30 pm
– unload containers and begin construction

Wednesday - Friday, August 27 – 29, 8 am to 4:30 pm
– construction continues

Monday, September 1, begins at 8 am
– breakdown, load containers, clean festival grounds

Nurses & Doctors Needed for Festival

To help with Blood Pressure Screening and First Aid at the Okinawan Festival. Your assistance is greatly needed! Please contact Eleanor Miyasaki at 455-9882.

If you can assist please contact the HUOA Office at 676-5656 or email to huaa@huaa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Picnics

Now - August

Did you attend your club's annual picnic? You'll find Okinawans celebrating at various locations throughout Hawaii – Ala Moana Park, Kapiolani Park, Wailoa State Park, Kamehameha Park, Sand Island, and even Waikele Community Park. [Click here to see the entire listing of club picnics.](#)



Okinawan Festival Program Preview

Performers from Okinawa so far include:

- Mamoru Miyagi
- Radio Okinawa performers:
 - Tatsuya Shimabukuro & the Tokonatsu Band
 - Chatan-cho Eguchi Seinjin Kai Eisa Team

Festival Committee Meeting

August 20, 7:00 pm, Serikaku Chaya

Food Committee Meeting

July 24, 7:00 pm, Serikaku Chaya

NEXT ON HAWAII OKINAWA TODAY

Monday from 7 pm – 8 pm on
Olelo, Oceanic Cable Channel 53

2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #4

Mon, July 21: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! featuring Tamagusuku Ryu Senju Kai – Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo, Urizun, and Daiichi Hirata

2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #5

Mon, July 28: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! featuring Ryusei Honryu Ryuko Kai – Toguchi Mitsuko Ryubu Kenkyusho, Paranku Clubs of Hawaii, and excerpts from the musical, "Pigs From the Sea"

2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #6

Mon, Aug 4: 7 pm – 8pm

PREMIERE! featuring Tamagusuku Ryu Kansen Kai, Ryusei



Natsumero Festival

Sun, July 20: 10:30 am

Singers from Okinawa and local karaoke schools entertained crowds at Hawaii Okinawa Center. A benefit for the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza Project.

HUOA Ikuyu Madin Golf Tournament

Wed, July 23: 10:30 am registration

A Pearl Country Club. Registration at 10:30 am. Event supporting HUOA Ikuyu Madin Captial Campaign.

2008 Haari Boat Festival

August 15 & 16, Hilo

Are you going to the 2008 Haari Boat Festival hosted by Hui Okinawa? There are 24 teams registered. Four Oahu teams going –Hui O Laulima, Nago Club, Yomitan Club and Young Okinawans of Hawaii. Not to mention the HUOA Leadership Tour Team. Plus Nago City, Okinawa is sending their championship team to race! And would you belive the mayoral candidates for For more information, visit their website www.haariboatfestival.com.

26th Okinawan Festival

August 30 & 31

The best festival at Kapiolani Park! Join HUOA for a great weekend of food, fun & entertainment! For more information about the Festival, go to www.okinawanfestival.com.

Daiko, and Naha Daiko

2007 25th Okinawan Festival Show #7

Mon, Aug 11: 7 pm – 8 pm

PREMIERE! Featuring Okinawa Buyo Club, Royal Hawaiian Band, and Radio Okinawa's Miuta Taisho Grand Prix winner and other performers from Okinawa

Olelo Airtime Update:

Hawaii Okinawa Today show will continue at its current day and time of Mondays at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Olelo, Oceanic Cable channel 53.

Want to Join the HUOA Video Team?

Did you ever wonder how the Hawaii Okinawa Today show is produced? Want to learn how to shoot and edit video? The HUOA Video Team is always looking for new team members. Contact HUOA at 676-5400 or email huoa@huoa.org.



Ume Sakura – at the Takakura Garden, Hawaii Okinawa Center.

GOODSEARCH FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thanks to users of GoodSearch and shoppers at GoodShop, HUOA has raised \$46.45 so far!

[Click here to see HUOA's status page.](#)

Did you know that your purchases from online retailers below will generate a donation to HUOA? Just to go GoodShop, click on the logo of the retailer you want to shop from, and viola! A portion of your purchase will automatically be credited to HUOA through GoodShop.

For example:

Store	Donation %	You Spend	HUOA receives
Amazon	1.5%	\$100	\$1.50
Circuit City	0.5 - 1.5%	\$300	up to \$4.50
Dell	2%	\$1200	\$24.00
Hotels.com	2.5%	\$500	\$12.50
iTunes	2.5%	\$30	\$0.75

[Click here for a complete listing of participating stores.](#) One of the staff members from the office bought a camera from CircuitCity.com, and HUOA earned almost \$7! Imagine if you were planning to purchase a \$1200 computer from Dell.com, you can earn \$24 for HUOA! Imagine if we all made our purchases by going through one extra click at GoodShop, HUOA's benefit is endless!

So, if shopping is not your thing, use GoodSearch as your primary search tool to earn a penny for every search for Hawaii United Okinawa Association!

It's something you do every day, why not do it to raise funds for HUOA? Spread the word to friends, family and co-workers.

What have you GoodSearch today?



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