



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### August 2018

- 1 Wed -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage (till 11 am)
- 10 Fri -Volunteer at Wahiawa Gen. Hosp. (10-10:45 am)  
-Church clean-up (2 pm)
- 11 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 12 Sun -Monthly Svc. Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9:00 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage (till 11 am)
- 16 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 17 Fri -HOLIDAY! Hawaii Statehood  
-Garage sale preparations (9 am) \*Light lunch included
- 18 Sat -Garage Sale for Kilauea Volcano (9 am-2 pm)
- 19 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am)  
\*Share Okage (till 11 am)
- 25 Sat -Ehimemaru Mikan tree maintenance (9 am)  
-Chorus Practice at Honolulu Church (2-4 pm)
- 26 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage (till 11 am)  
-Honolulu Church 45<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for  
Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama (10 am)
- 27 Mon-HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 31 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)



### September 2018

- 1 Sat -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Service only due to funeral

**Konko Daijin says...**The Hiromae is where you come to develop your faith, so train your faith well and return home. You never know what might happen at night, so receive divine blessings at home. Those who have children or jobs cannot leave their homes to come here. When a family member is sick, you cannot leave him or her to come here. Therefore, come here to train your faith only when the whole family is healthy. *(GII Namba Ko 6)*

**Editor's thoughts:** I think the Hiromae is much like a Karate dojo. There is a lot of repetition involved. We do warm-up exercises, do punching and blocking motions. We do different style *kata* and combinations. At the Hiromae, we recite the prayers, listen to sermons, sing hymns and come to develop our faith. Konko Daijin was correct when he said that when we are ill, we will not be able to go to the Hiromae. So, it is very important to go when we can, or when we are still healthy. Because when sickness or crisis occurs, there will be no time to go to the Hiromae. This is the time we must rely on Kami-Sama and the level of faith we developed till this day. Faith is basically a cane to hold you up steady before you even fall.

## Sunday School Oath

I will advance my faith through understanding the Founder's teachings and will strive to become a more useful person to society.

Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.



## Kilauea Volcano Fundraiser Garage Sale

**Date:** Saturday, August 18, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**Place:** Konko Mission of Wahiawa

**Memo:** All proceeds will be sent to the **American Red Cross of Hawaii Disaster Relief**. Let's continue to pray for the salvation of the people affected by this natural disaster. Any help is greatly appreciated.



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2018

9/14 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.  
 9/16 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.  
 9/23 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.  
 9/29 Sat -HCRP Kaka'ako Park Clean-up (10 am-11:15 am)  
 10/7 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.  
 10/13 Sat -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.  
 10/14 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.  
 10/19 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.  
 10/21 Sun -25<sup>th</sup> Annual HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church, 4 p.m.  
 10/28 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.  
 11/3 Sat -Mini BAZAAR 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 11/4 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.  
 11/9 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.  
 11/24 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.  
 11/25 Sun -21<sup>st</sup> Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 9 am  
 12/7 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.  
 12/16 Sun -46<sup>th</sup> Year Mem. Svc. Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10:00 a.m.  
 12/23 Sun -End of the Year Service 9:00 a.m.  
 12/30 Sun -27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mochi Pounding

## The 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Ohana Camp was held 7/7-8/2018



*By Emma Santos-Lum*

This year's camp was great. We learned many things. We did many things. We learned how to make water marble designs and also how we remember those who passed away. We can visit their grave or do small things for them. The food over here was great. My favorite part was the pool. I hope next year is just as good.



*By Charlyn Lum*

We all had a great time at Ohana Camp this year. The kids enjoyed making their own marble handkerchiefs. Edna always brings the best activities. Can't wait till next year.



## Happy Birthday

To all the people born in the month of August!  
 Please continue to receive Infinite divine blessings from Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

**Colette Lee**                      **Renee Yano**  
**Masumi Furusho**      **Tamiko Yamamoto**  
**Micah and Vinh Mitsuyuki Vo-Hiromasa**

*By Elle Santos-Lum*

Something I learned at camp was that when someone passes away, their spirit isn't dead, unless they are completely forgotten. Something I really liked about camp was creating our gratitude jars.



*By Alex Furusho*

I learned about Mitama Spirits and also how to dye clothes which came out good. And we did all the usual stuff we normally do at every single camp, but it's still fun to do as they are timeless activities to do with friends.



*By Austin Takahashi*

This year's camp was fun just like all the other times I've come. I enjoyed the camp. I hope I can come more.





By Rylee Layugan

My experience at camp was wonderful. We had so much fun like going into the pool and playing water balloon fight with Alex, Austin and Emma—which did not last very long. Most of all, I had fun, but my favorite part about camp was the bonfire and crabbing. After we caught a lot of crabs, we headed back and roasted the largest crab and watched Alex eat it at night. That was really fun. We also did face masks. Elle's one was the rose gold and it looked very weird like her nose had an extra flap that made it look super weird. It was also very slimy. When me and Emma came back from crab hunting, Elle was laughing very hard and she said she fell down the stairs on her butt and how it made a thumping noise and she kept complaining her butt hurt so I had a very weird experience in my cabin at night.



By Mia Sniffen

I love this camp and the people in it! Though I'm not religious (indifferent as to if God or spirits, heaven or hell really exists), I enjoy slowly learning more of this religion year by year. Like last year, we got to do pretty lit activities (Smores and Crab hunting), but this year was even better! I hope the easels come back next year.



By Rev. Seiko Konko

初めて Ohana Camp に参加しました。最初は三千央と二人どうなるか心配でしたが。始まってみると楽しく、そして素晴らしいロケーションに親子でエキサイティングしていました。プールの時間に雨が降ったのは残念でしたが、夜のキャンプファイヤーでは星も沢山出て本当におかげだなと思いました。三千央と一緒に星を見るのを楽しみにしていたからです。本人は星を見るより遊ぶ事で忙しそうでしたが...

トッド先生のワークショップもクイズ形式になってとても楽しかったです。もう少し英語が理解できればよかったですのですが、それでも御先祖様や御霊様について改めて考えさせていただき、とてもいい時間でした。カラーアクティビティは三千央は自分だけの T-シャツを作ることが出来て嬉しそうでした。絵を描く事が大好きなのでとてもいい思い出になると思います。

雨が降ったりと少し残念なこともありましたが、とても、とても、とても楽しかったです。こんな楽しい時間をすごさせていただいた矢野先生、礼子先生、エドナ先生、クレイトンさん、ありがとうございました。準備から、すべて先生方だけでされているので本当に頭が下がるおもいです。三千央との素晴らしい思い出が出来ました。ありがとうございました。

I attended this Ohana Camp for the first time. I was a little worried at first bringing my 4-year old son Michio with me; however, it was fun and the location was beautiful, so we were excited.

During pool-time, it rained heavily, which was discouraging. However, in the evening during our campfire, I felt we received a divine blessing, as the skies cleared for us a bit and we were able to see many stars. I was looking forward to seeing the stars in the night sky with Michio. However, Michio was busier playing, than watching the stars.

Todd Sensei's workshop was carried out like a quiz at first, so that was really fun. I certainly wished I could understand more English. However, I was still able to think about our ancestors and Mitama Spirits, so this was a very good activity.

For the coloring activity, Michio was able to dye his very own T-shirt, so he seemed quite happy. Michio loves to draw pictures, so I am sure this activity will be imbedded in his good memory.

It rained and so there were times when we were bummed; however, it was a very very very fun camp. Thank you Yano sensei, Reiko sensei, Edna Sensei and Clayton for allowing us to enjoy such a wonderful time. I am in awe for the amount of planning and preparations that went into this camp by the senseis. Attending this camp added to yet another precious memory with Michio. Thank you very much.

By Michio Konko

T-シャツ作りが楽しかった!! ありがとうございました。Coloring my T-shirt was a lot of fun!! Thank you very much.

By *Sherilyn Matsuoka*

My 2<sup>nd</sup> time here at Konko Mission Ohana Summer Camp.

I learned a lot more about Mitama, and because everyone is entitled to their own opinions and beliefs, it's all a state of mind. Our bodies die, but our Mitama lives on if we have those who live on Earth remember us, such as having little altars, visiting graves, and giving offerings.

Overall, camp has been amazing! I love the artistic activities we do and the people who make it enjoyable. I'm also glad it didn't rain while roasting marshmallows, but it rained heavily while crab hunting.

Thanks again to Edna and her parents, as well as Sensei Todd for teaching, and holding this event up for us. It was a wonderful time ☺.

Oh, and my apologies to Sensei Clay for being like 30 minutes late for the karate exercises Imao, Mía and I were cleaning up our cabin. We still managed to be in (almost) time.

By *Corey Perez*

I really enjoyed this camp. Taught me that I can always make friends in a group no matter the situation. I also learned that ham and jalapenos are really good in salads and I should eat more. This trip made me see that sometimes we need to take a break from life. I also learned about how I should make a shrine area in my house and more ways of honoring my past relatives and friends.



We decorated bamboo trees for Tanabata Star Festival on July 1<sup>st</sup> after the Monthly Service.



By *Clayton Matsuoka*

Camp this year was fun despite the crazy rain on Saturday. Lots of work and fun times with everyone. Crab hunting while being drenched in rain was a new experience I won't soon forget. Todd sensei also gave a great presentation about ancestors and how to honor them. Kahooting it was a good way to get it started. Overall another fun camp.



**Edna's Note:** We had a blast at the 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Ohana Camp. I give thanks to Kami-Sama, my parents, my husband for their tireless help and support and everybody that was able to attend camp this year. Todd Sensei's workshop on Ancestors was truly amazing and made us all think. I hope the Ohana Camp will continue on for years to come. Thank you again for a great camp!