



Camp Erdman Day Camp Newsletter

Week 4: June 24th-28th
Weekly Theme: Bystander Effect

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Program Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30am- 4:30pm

Drop-Off: 8:30 am- 9am

Pick-Up: 4pm-4:30pm

Day Camp Site Phone Number

808-637-4615



SPIRIT OF KINDNESS

Our Hawaiian word of the week, kōkua, is often described as the spirit of kindness accompanied by a desire to help one another without expecting anything in return. This cultural philosophy of selflessness is so significant because it reminds us that for our community to thrive, we must all play an active part in caring for and helping one another. As a collective, we can accomplish more and foster a greater sense of pride in our endeavors by coming together than we could ever do alone.

In just one week, Camp Erdman hosted overnight campers, day campers, yurt guests, a wedding, and even a whole film set crew! It is also home to our amazing and hardworking staff, who live on-site for the season. Without the collaboration of all, playing, working, celebrating, and coexisting with one another wouldn't have been possible. What a joy it has been sharing our little piece of paradise with all those who come to visit!

Whether it be something as simple as helping with the dishes or going out of our way to help someone in need, we encourage all to participate in our kindness challenge this week by performing a random act of helpfulness.

NEWS & PROMOTIONS

**All-Inclusive Camp Erdman
Family Camp
Cabins & Yurts Open!**

- July 4th Family Camp
- Labor Day Family Camp
- September Adventure Family Camp

2 or 3 nite family camps include accommodations, all meals & camp activities [hiking, swimming, games, high rope challenges, camp fires ++], and lots of fun!

Family Camp Details



bit.ly/459aJJT

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon June 24th	Tues & Wed June 25th & 26th	Thurs June 27th	Fri June 28th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival • Name Games & Ice Breakers • Opening Ceremony • Swim Test/ Swim • Rec Time • Lunch • Rest Period • Program Activity • Battle Challenge Initiations • Battle Challenge • Snacktime/Hangout • Departure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival • Morning Oli • Program Activity • Swim • Rec Time • Lunch • Rest Period • Program Activity • Battle Challenge Paint & Play • Snacktime/Hangout • Departure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival • Morning Oli • Ropes/Human Foosball • Rec Time • Lunch • Group Pictures • Rest Period/ Movie • Battle Challenge Paint & Play • Snacktime/Hangout • Departure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival • Morning Oli • Battle Challenge Paint • Battle Challenge Relay • Year Book Signing • Lunch • Rest Period/ Burn On Bracelets • Belly Flop Friday • Beach Party • Awards/Snacktime/ Departure

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

To set the pace of a more successful day at Day Camp, we strongly encourage having campers already dressed in swimsuits underneath their regular clothes during Monday-Wednesday morning drop-off. Rather than having our campers miss out on swimming time in the pool, coming ready to go allows them to maximize that time instead.

Additionally, closed-toe shoes are required to participate in all the activities offered. Crocs and slippers are not permitted on the alpine tower or archery range to maintain a high level of safety.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **DROP-OFF: 8:30am-9am** and **PICK-UP: 4pm-4:30pm**- If you will be dropping off or picking up your child(ren) outside of the times listed above, please notify us at **808-637-4615** so we can meet you curbside.
- **100% ID CHECKS** – For SAFETY purposes, please have your ID ready to present when picking up your child(ren).
- Please pack 2 snacks- one for AM and one for PM. We are a **NUT-FREE** program, please do not pack snacks containing nut products.
- Please send your child(ren) with a reusable water bottle.

DAILY PACKING LIST

- Water Bottle
- Closed-Toe Shoes
- Slippers for the pool
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Bug Spray
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Towel
- Change of Clothes
- Ziplock bag for wet bathing suit
- Snacks (NUT FREE)
- Backpack/Bag to transport items



CAMP ERDMAN GLOSSARY

- **Battle Challenge**- During Battle Challenge, the entire camp is divided into four teams: Akau, Hema, Hikina, & Komohana. Each team is led by a Battle Challenge Captain and engage in sports and games in a session-long battle. Campers remain in the same team from year to year.
 - *Akau*- land, mountains, green, north
 - *Hema*- water, ocean, blue, south
 - *Hikina*- sun, light, yellow, east
 - *Komohana*- fire, lava, red, west
- **Belly Flop Friday**- Campers vote for their favorite counselors to participate in a belly flop contest every Friday.
- **Burn on Bracelets**- It is tradition on the last day of each session that campers receive a burn-on bracelet. This bracelet represents the endless bond that campers have with Camp Erdman and one another. As campers return home to their communities and schools, they can always look at their wrist to remind them of the values learned and memories made at Camp Erdman. The bracelet is made by burning two ends of a p-cord together and then fitting around a camper's wrist.
- **Oli**- A chant or song-like way to honor ancestors and celebrate the beauty of land, water, and mountains.
- **Program Activity**- Structured and purposeful activities provided at Camp Erdman. Activities offered for Day Camp: nature museum, sports/gaga ball, mauka hike, archery, arts & crafts,
- **Ropes/ Foosball**—Regarding ropes, campers will be able to participate in our Alpine Tower. The Alpine Tower is a 50-foot tall, self-supporting structure that provides unique challenges and team-oriented experiences. We also provide giant human foosball, a life-sized version of the popular foosball game. Participants take on the roles of the foosball players and move side to side while holding onto ropes to kick a soccer ball into the opponent's goal.

HEROIC JOURNEY

BYSTANDER EFFECT

We'll talk about why people sometimes don't help in emergencies. You'll learn how to be brave and help out even when others don't.

Parent Video

bit.ly/4aRrCia



HAWAIIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

Kōkua:

To support, comfort, assist, and help

PROMOTIONS

Hiring youth leaders for up to \$19 per hour: get free YMCA membership, 60% off camps & childcare, paid training, & more!



bit.ly/YMCAJobDetails

Refer a new hire and earn \$250 in Y credits for camps, swim lessons, and more!

Watch or share this fun video!



bit.ly/4aU20kU

Still time to join our free [Summer Bucket List Challenge](#)! Complete 20 fun activities, and you could win a grand prize of \$2000, along with weekly Y swag and Y Bucks. Open to the public—register online or visit any YMCA location and start your adventure with the whole family!



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