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EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT MAUI OCEAN CENTER

MA'ALAEA, MAUI, HI – Maui Ocean Center offers some of the best marine-related educational opportunities on Maui, including complimentary Sea Talks, school field trips, sleepovers and visits by *Ka Holo Moana* (The Mobile Aquarium.)

School groups from Hawaii and out-of-state alike take advantage of the lesson plans and activity sheets, which can be found on the web at www.mauiocenter.com. A variety of Marine Naturalist presentations are available during each school groups visit and an optional 15 minute Open Ocean presentation at 9:15am upon prior requested during reservation booking.

Sleepovers are a fun way for groups between 15 and 30 people to learn about what happens under the sea when the sun goes down. Activities for the group are customized for the ages of attendants and include a pizza dinner, crafts and games with the focus of marine life activities, a movie, continental breakfast and maybe some sleeping! Sleepover dates can be found at www.mauiocenter.com.

Complimentary **Sea Talks** are offered for all ages throughout the year and feature experts from marine-related fields sharing their knowledge and stories.

“Visitors come to the Aquarium to see the fascinating underwater world and to experience Hawaii’s incredible diversity of marine life, but we also make sure they have more than just photographs to take home with them. Our goal is to create a lifelong bond between people and the ocean, not only in understanding, but in ultimate appreciation,” stated Maui Ocean Center’s Community Education Manager.

The mission of Maui Ocean Center is to foster understanding, wonder and respect for Hawaii’s marine life. Maui Ocean Center was named “Top 25 Best Aquariums in the U.S.” and inducted into “Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame 2015” by TripAdvisor, “Top-Rated Attraction in Hawaii” by Zagat Survey US Family Travel Guide, “Leader In Responsible Tourism” on the Top 100 Blue List by Islands Magazine, and “Best Land Activity” in 2008, 2009, 2011 by the readers of The Maui News. Open daily from 9 to 5, and from 9 to 6 in July and August. For more information please contact the Maui Ocean Center: 192 Ma’alaea Road; Ma’alaea, HI 96793; telephone (808) 270-7000, facsimile (808) 270-7070, e-mail: info@mauiocenter.com or visit www.mauiocenter.com.

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