



## Why do we do this?

- To provide Hawaii's youth with the opportunity to break out of the walls of the classroom and experience nature through a variety of hands-on activities that supplement your school's curriculum
- For the students to develop an appreciation for Hawaii's beautiful surroundings and have a better awareness on how to protect our environment
- To promote a sense of community and cooperation among the students through a series of fun, safe, and challenging activities
- To have fun!

## A little bit about us...

The 20 acres that Camp Erdman now consists of was once owned by one of Hawaii's prominent families, the Dillinghams. In 1925, the family leased the makai portion of camp to the YMCA. They had offered to sell it, but the YMCA lacked the funds. On August 26, 1931, Harold R. Erdman, whose mother was a Dillingham, was killed in a polo accident at the age of 26. In December of 1931, the makai property was given to the YMCA in memory of him and thus Camp H.R. Erdman was founded.

YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman has been offering Environmental Education classes to students throughout Hawaii since 1967. If you grew up in Hawaii; chances are that you attended Camp Erdman as a child. Did you know that the Camp fun does not have to stop after Elementary School? Camp Erdman is a very dynamic place with a variety of programs running throughout the year:

- Environmental Education (Grades K-6)
- Leadership (Grades 7-12)
- Conference & Retreat (Staff Retreat, Church Groups, Bands, Birthday Parties...)
- Summer Resident Camp
- Family Camp (fun for the whole family!)

Contact YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman for more information:

- (808) 637-4615

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Having such beautiful surroundings and great resources are one thing, but here at Camp Erdman we pride ourselves on our professional staff that will work with your students. Our staff is made up of adults who are from all over the world and all share the passion to work with children. Many have University degrees and a background working in other camps. All in all, our staff is a very diverse group of instructors that enjoy working outside with people in a highly energetic and active setting that promotes **respect, responsibility, caring, and honesty** for everybody and the environment.

Our staff must:

- As with many other organizations that work with children, pass a mandatory drug test and background check before they are officially hired
- Complete a 2-3 week initial training
- Participate in ongoing in-services dealing with safety, the environment, and teambuilding
- Be periodically evaluated
- Be certified in CPR, First Aid, Oxygen, AED, and Lifeguarding



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## Where are we?

Camp Erdman is located on 20 acres, set between the foothills of the Waianae Mountains and the beautiful ocean shoreline of the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii.

### The Beach

We are lucky to be set on such pristine beaches that can be used for our education. Some of the student's classes may be held on the beach right off camp. (please see the safety guidelines for further information)

### The Land

There is a trail on camp that leads up the mountain which has breathtaking views of camp and the ocean shoreline. In the winter this is a wonderful spot to watch the migrating whales. We also have a variety of recreation fields that provide ample space for group activities, basketball and volleyball, as well as a place to hang out with other students.

### Other Program Areas

Although we like to hold our classes in the outdoors as much as possible, we do have indoor classroom space when needed. Our facility also includes 2 outdoor campfire pits, archery ranges, low ropes challenge course, high ropes challenge course, animal room, an outdoor pavilion, and a semi indoor Theater in the Round.

### Cabins

We have 15 cabins on the mauka side which sleep 16 people each. All of our cabins have bunk style beds, are equipped with a restroom, sink, and a shower. There are additional bathroom and shower facilities located next to the mauka cabins. Currently 5 of these cabins are handicapped accessible (cabins 23-27). Each of the handicapped accessible cabins have 2 showers and 2 restrooms in each, but no additional facilities nearby. The makai side of camp has 4 cabins that sleep 8 people each. These also have a restroom, sink, and shower inside the cabin.

### Dining Hall

Overnight guests will enjoy a full breakfast, lunch, and dinner in our dining hall that overlooks the ocean.



## Who's Hungry?

If you are participating in an overnight program at Camp Erdman, your meals will be served "Family Style" in our dining hall that overlooks the ocean on the North shoreline. Students will sit together as a school, or with a friendship school if desired. If you choose to mix with another school, it will need to be arranged with both schools ahead of time to avoid confusion. Up to 10 students can be seated at each table and there will be at least 2 KP (Kitchen Patrol) assigned by your school for each meal. **(Please fill out the KP form, found in section D, before your arrival to camp)**

\* If you have any students or adults with severe **Food Allergies, are Diabetic, or Vegetarian**, please notify us in advance and we will do our best to accommodate them. Another option is to bring some of their own meals and store them in a conference room refrigerator.

### School Food's Program (Free/Reduced Lunch)

Schools who are participating in the School Food's Program must fill out the "**School Food's Sheet**" (Found in section D) with the Principal's signature **BEFORE** their arrival to camp.

- **Important Note:** the school foods program now states that every free/reduced meal student must have at least a little bit of every option on their plate.

### Example Meals

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Scrambled Eggs	Hamburgers	Pasta
Rice	Fries, or	Garlic Bread, or
Orange Juice, or	Cold Meat Sandwiches	Teriyaki Chicken
Sausage	Chips	Rice
French Toast	Salad	Vegetables
Milk	Cookies	Banana Cake

\*Please remember that these are examples of what has been served in the past. The menu can change at any time.