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Adventure Centers Hawaii: Empowering Hilo's Youth Through Bouldering

September 28, 2023 – Hilo, Hawaii – Adventure Centers Hawaii is dedicated to making bouldering accessible to all children and young adults in Hilo, regardless of their means. By introducing bouldering, we aim to improve physical fitness, boost self-confidence, enhance academic performance, promote inclusivity, and create a stronger sense of community pride.

Our Mission

Adventure Centers Hawaii's mission is clear: stimulate community support for physical fitness education among underserved youth. Funds raised will provide opportunities for these individuals to engage in supervised bouldering, offering a safe space to socialize and grow.

Focus on Hilo

Our primary focus is on serving Hilo with an emphasis on:

- **School-Aged Children:** Introducing bouldering to elementary, middle, and high school students as an inclusive and engaging activity.
- **Underserved Communities:** Reaching those with limited financial resources who may lack access to extracurricular activities.
- **Diverse Cultural Backgrounds:** Embracing Hilo's cultural diversity, ensuring our programs are respectful of various backgrounds.
- **Local Schools and Community Centers:** Collaborating with schools and community centers to integrate bouldering into curricula and offer after-school activities.

First Grant Opportunity

Adventure Centers Hawaii proudly partners with Big Island Climbing at 126 Keawe Street in downtown Hilo. We are actively seeking interested parties to join us in this transformative mission. Grant monies will provide financial support for bouldering memberships, ensuring access for those in need. In celebration of the new partnership, there will be free climbing offered at Big Island Climbing on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8 from 10 until 4pm. You can get more information at their website, www.bigislandclimbing.com

Anticipated Impact

Our impact on the Hilo community includes:

- **Improved Physical Health:** Enhancing fitness, addressing sedentary lifestyles and obesity.
- **Boosted Self-Confidence:** Encouraging problem-solving and resilience.
- **Academic Benefits:** Expecting academic gains among participating students.
- **Inclusivity:** Narrowing equity gaps, promoting social cohesion.
- **Positive Role Modeling:** Instilling values of discipline, perseverance, and teamwork.

- **Community Pride:** Fostering a sense of pride as bouldering becomes recognized and accessible.

Contact Information

For more information about Adventure Centers Hawaii and how to support our mission or to participate in our programs, please contact us at adventurecentershi@gmail.com or visit our website at www.adventurecentershawaii.org. Members of media can also reach the Chair of the organization, Donna Nichols on her cell: 619.405.3900.

Adventure Centers Hawaii is dedicated to making bouldering accessible to all youth and young adults in Hilo, Hawaii, highlighting the positive impact it can have on their physical and mental well-being, regardless of their background or means.

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