
MALAMA PONO PUNALU'U

Turtle and Beach Monitoring Program

The Situation

Tourist numbers at Punalu'u Black Sand Beach have risen dramatically over the last year, especially during the later hours of the day when tourist are either returning to Kona after a day at Volcano National Park or waiting for dark to see the lava at night..

The Problem

When lifeguards go off-duty at 4:30pm, there is no protection from visitors encroaching upon basking Sea Turtles (Honu). Especially the time before dark, you will often have visitors using cell phone flashlights to take pictures at arms length distance.

The Need

Reaching out for volunteers to take one (1) shift a month to monitor basking turtles between the hours of 4:30p and dark. Depending upon the time of the year, a shift can last between 1:30 minutes - 2:30 minutes. The more volunteers, the more we can accomplish with less effort.



Basking Honu need YOU

Punalu'u is one of the most **accessible**, untouched and naturally beautiful beaches remaining on the Big Island. Though it is our home, many of us haven't spent the time sitting on the beach, experiencing the essence of Punalu'u and our honu. **Volunteer** to be a part of Malama Pono Punalu'u, reconnect with Punalu'u and be a small part of keeping our honu's habitat safe and our beautiful beach as natural as can be.

As a team member of Malama Pono Punalu'u, you will have a 1 hour half orientation period before your first shift assignment. You will also receive identifying t-shirts, hooded sweaters and hat. We would love to have you, please..... volunteer.

To Volunteer (respond by June 18)

Email Guy Enriques at: enriques@hawaii.rr.com

Provide the following information:

Name: _____

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