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Here's a bright idea

4-Hers to switch bulbs -- new for old -- in Waimea

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The light switch is on.

Take five incandescent lightbulbs to the Mealani Research Station in Waimea Saturday and trade them for five free compact fluorescent lightbulbs. Each family can turn in five of the old-style bulbs for five of the new energy-saving lightbulbs.

You'll get some freebies and help recycling, the environment, 4-Hers raising funds to host visiting Alaska 4-Hers and the Hawaii "Clean Energy Future" campaign.

The East Hawaii 4-H Exchange Program group and a number of other local nonprofit organizations have been doing the exchanges for several weeks, earning \$1 per bulb via The CFL Light Bulb Exchange Fundraiser Project, a partnership between the Blue Planet Foundation and The Kohala Center.

Blue Planet Foundation's mission is to end the use of fossil fuels in Hawaii and replace them with clean, renewable, and indigenous sources of energy.

The mission of The Kohala Center is "to respectfully engage the Island of Hawaii as an extraordinary and vibrant research and learning laboratory for humanity."

The Kohala Center is the point of contact for bulb exchange on the Big Island and is providing direct support to all participating groups on this island.

For more information, send e-mail to bulbexchange@kohalacenter.org or call Guy Kaulukukui, 887-6411. Visit <http://www.blueplanetfoundation.org>, <http://www.kohalacenter.org>.

"The last light bulb exchange we held, the bulbs went quickly and so we are expecting these to go fast too, so plan to arrive early," said a spokesman for the 4-Hers.

Stop by Mealani from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The light switch is being held in conjunction with the 2010 Hawaii County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale at the research station at 64-289 Mamalahoa Highway in Waimea. Questions? Call 4-H at 969-8213.

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Members of the East Hawaii 4-H Exchange Program spell out the name of their favorite organization using compact fluorescent lightbulbs, or CFLs. The 4-Hers are exchanging new lightbulbs for old ones to raise funds to host soon-to-be-visiting Alaska 4-Hers. - 4-H Exchange Program Photo

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