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Families invited to tree planting in Kohala

Kamuela, Hawai'i—August 5, 2011—The next Kohala Watershed Partnership Ohana Planting Day will be Saturday, August 13. In the past four years, volunteers have planted more than 12,000 native trees in the 300-acre Koaia Corridor Plant Sanctuary restoration area, and the partnership plans to add many more thousands in the years to come.

Bring the family for a fun day of planting native trees. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Waimea at the back of the Kohala Center (next to Parker Square on Kawaihae Road across from HPA Elementary School and Hawaiian Style Cafe.) We will finish and be back in Waimea by 3 p.m.

Bring a water bottle and sack lunch, covered shoes and a jacket. Adults are welcome, too—every child who brings along an adult will receive a fun prize for the day. There will be kid-friendly snacks and plenty of tools and baby plants to go around.

Our vision is that our kids will come back with their children someday and be able to tell the story of "how we turned a pasture into a forest!"

Call Melora Purell, 333-0976, to RSVP with your name and number of people by Thursday, August 11. See <u>www.hawp.org/kohala.asp</u>.

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