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## Love Science? Volunteer at Kahalu'u Bay

KAMUELA, Hawai'i—November 26, 2014—Citizen Science is a volunteer program to monitor and track environmental conditions at Kahalu'u Bay. Anyone with an interest in learning about water quality, sampling, data interpretation, and a healthier environment can be a volunteer—no previous experience or scientific knowledge is required. Training is provided by Kahalu'u Bay Education Center (KBEC).

The next training will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 13, at Kahalu'u Beach Park, next to the KBEC van.

Citizen Science volunteers collect samples weekly at specific sites in Kahalu'u Bay. The data helps the center track the health of the bay, understand how events such as algae blooms impact water quality and the bay's overall health, and act to correct any problems before they impact Kahalu'u's vibrant and colorful marine life.

To learn more or sign up for the training, contact Rachel Silverman at rsilverman@kohalacenter.org or call (808) 887-6411.

Kahalu'u Bay Education Center (<a href="http://kohalacenter.org/kbec">http://kohalacenter.org/kbec</a>) is a partnership between The Kohala Center and the County of Hawai'i. KBEC promotes environmental stewardship to ensure the bay remains a healthy and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

## **About The Kohala Center**

Founded in the year 2000, The Kohala Center (<a href="http://www.kohalacenter.org">http://www.kohalacenter.org</a>) is an independent, community-based center for research, conservation, and education. We turn research and traditional knowledge into action, so that communities in Hawai'i and around the world can thrive—ecologically, economically, culturally, and socially.