

KAHIAU PROJECT

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A LITTLE ABOUT US



Kammy : I am a sophomore student at Kamehameha School Kapalama, and for my Kahiau project Alexis and I are volunteering to clean up the palolo canal. I am strongly against ocean pollution, so I am a very passionate about cleaning it up for the betterment of the environment, ocean, and our health.

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My name is Tita and i'm from
Nanakuli. I love the beach and i
Also love to hike so cleaning up
The land is very important to me.
So doing this project is very fun
For me.



WHAT IS OUR PROJECT ABOUT

For our project, we worked working with “808 cleanups” to better the community. We cleaned up palolo valley canal from 9-12. We chose to clean the canal because all the pollution from it goes straight into the ocean. So, we wanted clean the pollution from one of the many places it can occur from.



ABOUT 808 CLEANUPS

<https://www.808cleanups.org>

They are a non profit organization, committed to restore hawaii's natural beauty. Their vision is to enjoy a world with clean and safe beaches, hiking trails without evidence of human interaction.



WHY WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR PROJECT

- The first reason we are passionate about doing this is because we all love to go to the beach and enjoy it, but we can't do that with pollution. The pollution dirties and makes the beach unsanitary, but it also destroys the environment.
- The second reason is because we want to clean up for the voiceless marine animals that can't do anything about it. It would prevent more deaths to them and keep them in better health



THE PROCESS

Tita: I learned that things can change in a bit. In the beginning we started off wanting to do a beach clean up in makaha, then when we set the date, one of our group members couldn't make it due to a family trip, then we changed the project to doing the valley clean up. I think that we should've planned this earlier and maybe time managed better. Over all this has taught me to plan better, to communicate with my partners better and to set things up good in the first place so we don't have to keep re planning things.

THE PROCESS

Kammy: Throughout the process of getting to this point we went through many obstacles, such as rescheduling and deciding which event to choose for our project. At first we chose to clean the Kahuku Shoreline for 4 hours and clean up as much pollution as possible. But, we wanted to make a bigger impact, and with an organization. So, we chose to go to the 808 clean ups event of cleaning up the Palolo Canal. The main reason we chose this was because we knew the trash from the canal leads into the ocean, so by starting at the canal we are preventing any trash from there leading into the ocean. During the clean up we started at the very beginning of the canal and worked our way down picking up the trash and putting it in a bucket, then once the bucket was filled we transferred it to a garbage bag, we filled 4 up. Then, once we finished Liv, the 808 clean ups supervisor, brought an at home water test, and we tested how clean the water was, which turned out to be super basic.

PICTURES AND VIDEOS



OUR FINAL REFLECTIONS

Kammy: Overall, I've gained more knowledge on the issue and a new perspective on being a global citizen. This was a small action of a small group of people cleaning up trash in a canal, but when looking at the bigger picture, we actually made a big difference. I believe the more we realize our actions affect more than we think, more motivation and work will be achieved. Especially after talking with Liv, she inspired me to go out into my community and do more for it. I want to continue work like this because this only can make a positive impact, and it teaches me to be a better person. The more action we take the change will be made, and we need this especially with today's circumstances. After doing this clean up, it makes me support not the bill even more because after witnessing all the plastic in the canal I want to get rid of plastic even more.

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Tita: This project has taught me that being a global citizen is what the world needs. We need more people to take action and actually try and make a difference. I think that it is so important for more people to come out and do these kind of events because the more people that come and do this, the more people will realize that our everyday life affects not only us, but the sea life, and all around us. I think that next time i would do this, i want to bring my family because they are younger, and if they learn to do things now, when they get older they will be better global citizens than i am now.

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