PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
Important Information for your upcoming field trip to HIMB

Mahalo for scheduling your field trip with the HIMB Science Inquiry Education Program. We look forward to your visit! You will soon be receiving invoice(s) for your lab and boat transportation fees via email. Payments for these fees are appreciated before or on the day of your visit. Overdue payments may be assessed a late fee. Specific information about payments procedures will be included in your invoice(s).

PREPARATION FOR YOUR FIELDTRIP:
Your visit to HIMB will require walking approximately ½ mile over uneven, partially paved or gravel road, up and down hills, and the ability to enter and exit rocking boats unassisted. Tours take place outdoors where participants may be exposed to direct sunlight, wind, and rain. Breaks for lunch need to be arranged outside of field trip time. Please plan accordingly.

Important information can be downloaded from our website. From the homepage, click on the INQUIRY FIELDTRIPS tab on the left and download the following documents:

1. the liability waiver
2. brochure for pricing information

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INFORMATION:
Your location for bus drop-off and pick up is LILIPUNA PIER, located at 46-007 Lilipuna Road, in Kāne‘ohe. Please note there is no parking available at Lilipuna Pier; it is recommended that you arrange to be dropped off, for example by bus. IMPORTANT - please be sure to clearly state Lilipuna Pier as the location for drop-off and pick-up to your bus driver. Have the bus driver drop off the group at the top of the hill, and have your group proceed down the hill in SINGLE FILE to one side of the driveway. Please be aware that employees will be arriving in their vehicles at this hour so please transit down the hill with caution.

BOAT TRANSPORTATION
Your pick up time will be approximately 845AM and you will be back at the same location at approximately 1PM (unless you have made other time arrangements). Once you are dropped off, proceed to the end of the pier. An instructor from HIMB will greet you on the pier and transport you in a small shuttle boat 6 individuals at a time. The boat ride to HIMB is very short, less than a minute.

BATHROOMS:
There are limited restrooms available on Coconut Island, and once the lab starts the nearest restroom is several hundred feet away and will require a chaperone to accompany a student. Please encourage your students to use the restroom before boarding the bus.

LIABILITY WAIVERS AND ONBOARD SAFETY BRIEFING:
Before boarding the boat, the instructor will collect the liability waivers. IMPORTANT: all visitors, teachers, chaperones, including parents/court-appointed legal guardians of minors, MUST sign the liability waivers. University of Hawai‘i policy stipulates that lack of properly signed liability waivers will result in your group being turned away for your visit. It is particularly important that parents/court-appointed legal guardians sign on behalf of any minors (below 18 years old). Hawai‘i DOE employees should NOT sign the waiver per Hawai‘i DOE policy. Once the waivers are provided to the instructor you will be able to board the boat, following a short safety briefing.
SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE MARINE BIOACOUSTICS LAB:
This lab requires collecting marine invertebrates in the field where students will need to wade in up to knee-high water. Collecting marine organisms will require covered footwear (tabi, reef walkers, old tennis shoes, etc, not slippers). Covered footwear while in the water is mandatory; only students with proper footwear will be allowed in the water.