

Aloha New Friend! Welcome to Ohana Homeschool Co-op!

Ohana Co-op is a group of homeschooled families who come together in community to create an enriching and nurturing learning journey. Our Co-op is unique because not only does it allow for parent volunteer opportunities it also allows for drop-off time. For a student to join the co-op they need to be 5 years of age by August 1st. It truly is a beautiful group and only because of all the incredible people who unite and share it with others and in return our group grows along with our hearts.

We love the outdoors so much that we start our day with a grounding nature walk to get our endorphins up and spirits high. We wear clothes that can get dirty because we become one with nature especially on rainy days. We then have our morning circle connection time and then switch gears to our small groups. With our diverse age group we have activities that can reach all ages. We have recess time, lunch break and creative play throughout the day to make sure the students are connecting with each other alongside nature.

The lead facilitators are parent volunteers stepping up to serve the Co-op community. Their responsibility is to direct the steps of the day to day activities. The cooperative lead facilitators pool and disperse the funds to cover meeting spaces, educational facilitators and extra activities such as music and art. We are a group not of one affiliation but a group of many different backgrounds that exists to be a resource for the homeschool community on the north shore of Oahu. Also note that the cooperative is **not registered as a business** and is **not registered as a non-profit**. You cannot write these expenses off and Myron B funds cannot be used to pay for the Co-op. Ohana cannot receive grants unless it was specifically designed for a non affiliated homeschool Co-op.

Now to the most important truth: this group doesn't fully function without the commitment and support from the parents. Commitment to the 8 month term, commitment to paying dues to cover expenses, commitment to sending students with needed materials, support by parent volunteering once a month. This part time Co-op is here to meet the needs of the community and partner with parents as they homeschool their families. We meet twice a week September through May (OFF in March & holiday breaks). Dues are **\$400 a month with volunteering** or **\$520 a month without volunteering**. We ask for a 30 day notice if plans change for attending the Co-op, so we can fill your spot and budget accordingly for the Co-op. Our main location is in Pupukea and we have alternate location meetups that could be in Wailua and Sunset. First please reach out to us, the best way is via our email at ohananorthshore@gmail.com. If you feel it might be a match please find the steps on our website that we have listed below. Note that we do have required steps for volunteering and we have liability documents that need to be signed and uploaded before families can partake in the co-op drop off time. If you have made it this far mate, we look forward to connecting with you soon!

STEP 1: Fill out an application (this does not obligate you to a spot)

STEP 2: Fill out required documents (email to ohananorthshore@gmail.com)

STEP 3: Pay registration fee of \$250 per student (this is non-refundable and HOLDS your spot)

STEP 4: Connect to our hub, SPOND APP (sign each student up individually, pick calendar volunteer days)

STEP 5: Find YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (requirement for volunteering, email completed certificate)