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April is Tsunami Awareness month in Hawaii

NOAA's National Weather Service offices in Hawaii and the Hawaii State Civil Defense have partnered to raise public awareness to the dangers of tsunamis and commemorate the 159 lives lost to the April 1, 1946 tsunami – the most destructive in Hawaii's history – during Tsunami Awareness Month. NOAA also encourages residents to develop and discuss tsunami safety plans with your family and friends so everyone will be prepared when a tsunami strikes.

NOAA and the State of Hawaii State Civil Defense have partnered to kick-off the month with a Tsunami Awareness Day at the Bishop Museum on Sunday, April 1, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. This family oriented-event features a multitude of state, local, federal, and other agencies exhibiting programs and education about tsunami awareness Tsunami survivors will be on hand to give presentations and personal experiences. Admission to museum will be free.

The successful Tsunami Safety Booklet that was created last year will be available as a special insert in the April 1, 2012 edition of the Honolulu Star Advertiser. It will also be distributed at public and private schools and community events throughout the state during Tsunami Awareness Month.

NOAA also will sponsor display booths and keiki activities at several public events on Oahu and Molokai to help families prepare for tsunamis. Events Include:

- April 4, 2012, 5-9 p.m.: Earthquake and Preparedness Workshop - Hilo Downtown Improvement Association and Pacific Tsunami Museum present a workshop on what the hazards are and how businesses can prepare. Includes a tabletop exercise. Limited seating. Workshop fee (includes light refreshments) \$7 for DIA members/\$12 for non-members. Please make reservations by March 30th
- April 14, 2012, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Mauka to Makai Clean Water Festival – City and County sponsored event at the Waikiki Aquarium with educational activities and displays, hands-on, interactive games, and more for families and kids.
- April 20, 2012, 12-1 p.m.: Pacific Guardian Center Earth Day Celebration – NOAA exhibit at the Pacific Guardian Center in downtown Honolulu.
- April 20, 2012, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Molokai Earth Day Celebration at the Mitchell Pauole Community center. NOAA offices will host a booth and provide preparedness information.
- April 20, 2012, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Hawaii Community College 24th Annual Earth Day Fair - Free event for the public with 50 booths and exhibits to celebrate Earth Day at Hawaii Community College-Manono Campus near cafeteria, Hilo
- April 21, 2012, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.: C-MORE Ocean Science and Career Day – A display will showcase NOAA science and careers in the Pacific.
- April 21, 2012, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: YMCA Healthy Kids Day - YMCA of Honolulu Healthy Kids day is a free fun filled day full of activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. NWS and Hawaii State Civil Defense will host a booth and provide preparedness material.

NOAA's National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. NOAA's National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. Working with partners, NOAA's National Weather Service is building a Weather-Ready Nation to support community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather. Visit us online at weather.gov and on [Facebook](#).

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NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov>

NOAA's National Weather Service: <http://www.weather.gov>

Honolulu Forecast Office: www.weather.gov/honolulu

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/ptwc>

NOAA's Tsunami Info: <http://www.tsunami.gov>

International Tsunami Information Center: itic.ioc-unesco.org