

Kailua Beach cleanup Saturday

Effort to extend along shore to Hanauma Bay

BY WINDWARD PEOPLE STAFF

Members of the East O'ahu Lifeguard Association are looking for volunteers for their upcoming cleanup at Kailua Beach, this Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

According to E'OLA member Suzanne Frazer, the group organizes regular monthly beach cleanups in the area from Hanauma Bay to Kailua in order to clean-up marine debris. The association is composed of both lifeguards and community members.

"The beach cleanups help raise awareness of the need to protect the ocean and environment from marine debris which can cause strangulation and death of marine animals and birds," she says. "The July cleanup at Bellows Beach produced more than 210 bags of marine debris, trash and driftwood."

Frazer says that the group will hold a prize drawing at the end of the cleanup. Volunteers will have the chance to win prizes from a number of sponsors including Kale's Natural Foods, Ben & Jerry's and Jamba Juice. Bags, gloves and water will be provided, she adds.

The East O'ahu Lifeguard Association's motto is "Increasing Ocean Awareness, Ocean Safety, and Environmental Consciousness" and



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Beach cleanup-Hickam Boy Scout leader John McMillan and scout James Plott filled four pickup trucks with debris at last month's beach cleanup.

they invite interested community members to get involved. Anyone can join — lifeguard or otherwise — and the \$10 membership fee gets you a T-shirt and helps support beach clean-ups and other EOLA efforts. Volunteers for the cleanups do not have to be EOLA members.

To register for the Kailua Beach cleanup and for inquiries regarding the East O'ahu Lifeguard Association, please call Suzanne Frazer at 393-2168 or Shannon Clancy at 382-8258.