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# MWR, Camp Adventure create magic moments for Navy youth

By Deborah White

MWR MARKETING

The Navy Hawaii MWR Youth Program has teamed up with Camp Adventure to provide summer recreation programs for the Navy youngsters in Hawaii. The first of three sessions kicked off this week at Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point and NCTAMS. The camp's next two sessions are July 6-30 and August 2-19. Operational hours for the camp are from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Camp Adventure is structured for children ages 5-12 (kindergarten completed) and includes weekly field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, songs and games. Weekly themes are incorporated into the program and provide fun and entertaining ways for children to learn.

Some of the themes include: Deep Seas and Discoveries, Patriotic Blast Into the Past, Coco Bongo Banana Blitz, Amazing ANTZ and Backyard Bugs, Incredible Interstellar Mission to Mars and Enchanted Emerald City of Oz.

Kids may also participate in special clubs, such as the foreign language club or the science club. The camp is about making the day exciting for kids and filling it with their choice of activities and interests.

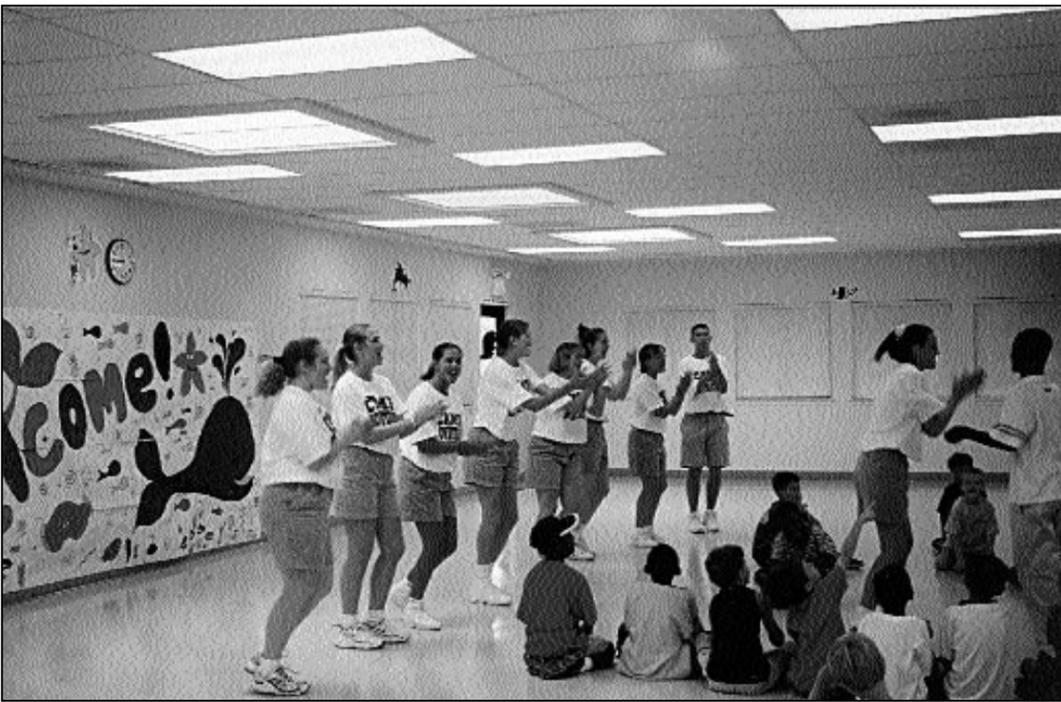
What sets this camp apart from other summer camps? The answer lies within the energetic and diverse group of counselors who make up the Camp Adventure staff.

Although headquartered at the University of Northern Iowa, this student run program works with partner universities to attract students from all over the world. Within the group of 23 counselors here in Hawaii, there are students from Iowa State, San Diego State, Chico State, Texas Tech and Texas Christian University to name a few.

Muha Jamsranjav is from Mongolia and worked for Camp Adventure in Beijing last summer. Jamsranjav said she wanted to work for Camp Adventure again because she "loves to work with kids and wanted to get more experience working with international kids." Jamsranjav attended the Physical Education and Sports University at Beijing on a Ping-Pong scholarship and graduated with a degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Ping-Pong. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa working towards a master's in Leisure Services.

The majority of the Camp Adventure counselors are working towards degrees in recreation, physical education or elementary education. This group of highly qualified students not only has the ability to lead youth and teens, but they operate with integrity, creativity, commitment, pride and sensitivity. They support a program that provides for youth development through high energy, high impact fun. They are committed to quality and excellence. "We are here to create magic for the kids, and they will love it," said Richison.

To prepare the counselors for the camp, each must attend a seven-week training program where they



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Camp Adventure counselors lead children in animated songs at a camp session at the Moanalua Community Center. The camp's next two sessions are July 6-30 and August 2-19, from 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 474-3071 for more information.

learn new songs, games and activities. They are also taught about programming/scheduling camp activities and adventures, and how to handle situations when feuds arise among children. Since the counselors service U.S. military bases throughout the world, part of their training includes the study of military standards.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Secretary of the Navy have visited this award-winning program. It has also received recognition from the U.S. Army MWR headquarters in Washington D.C. The mission of Camp Adventure is to provide a positive, supportive setting that helps children develop their individual strengths and sense of worth.

For further information about how you can get your children involved in the Camp Adventure program, call the MWR Youth Center office at 474-3071. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis until the program is full. Space is limited, so register early to reserve a space.

The camp is open to dependents of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD personnel. Fees for the camp are based on total family household income. Fees include a camp T-shirt, excursions and two snacks per day.



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## Putt around at NCTAMS

### Mini golf course opens in time to celebrate summer

By Wanda Riggs

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With a quick snip through the ceremonial red ribbon, Cmdr. B.K. Boorda, Chief Staff Officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS), officially opened the Rainbow Miniature Golf Course on June 4.

Nestled in an idyllic hideaway on the base just outside Wahiawa, MWR's newest recreational facility is located at the entrance to Rainbow Lanes bowling center. A sportive crowd was on hand, waiting to test their skills in a tour around the 9-hole circuit. Within minutes, Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Ancho scored two "holes-in-ones," making initial competition both rewarding and enjoyable for all who participated.

Chief Damage Controlman Dan Riley spearheaded plans for the mini-

golf facility. Riley was also instrumental in the actual construction effort, directing a four-man crew through the two-week, 500 man-hour project. Self help crewmembers included Radioman 3rd Class Williams, Electronic Technician 2nd Class Vangates, ET2 Taton and RM2 Reese.

Riley also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the NCTAMS Seabee electricians who installed the lights, and the MWR maintenance crew from NAS Barbers Point who constructed the surrounding fence.

The area's latest outdoor recreational facility offers current base residents a welcome alternative for year-round leisure activity. Military families, scheduled to move into the base's newly-renovated housing in the next few months, are eagerly anticipating the wealth of family fun to be had at the new entertainment facility. Until the end of summer, families and single Sailors alike can enjoy a round putt-putt golf at a special "summer rate."

If you're looking for ideas for a fun-filled and sun-splashed summertime celebration, consider reserving the bowling center and miniature golf course at NCTAMS. To reserve a party time for your group, or for cost information, call Rainbow Lanes at 653-5576.