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**TASTE OF THE HAWAIIAN RANGE REFORMATS FOR 2018**  
**SAVE the DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2018**

WAIMEA, HAWAI'I ISLAND—The island's largest agricultural showcase is returning in 2018 with a new twist at a different location.

Taste of the Hawaiian Range will be Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 at Mana Christian 'Ohana (Old Kahilu Town Hall) and the adjacent YMCA Minuke Ole Park in Waimea. The 2018 Taste will offer all-day agricultural-themed fun and educational activities before culminating with an evening tasting event showcasing locally produced food.

"We're changing up the Taste to share info with families about our local agriculture," says event co-chair and rancher Jeri Moniz. "We will still have our popular, evening food tasting event to showcase pasture-raised meats, but will also offer earlier activities geared for the general public, including keiki."

Daytime fun will include agricultural-themed activities and exhibits at the YMCA Park, with plans for horseback rides and viewing of livestock animals complete with educational displays. Community school groups and organizations will be invited to provide food concessions for daytime attendees. Admission to the park exhibits is free.

Also planned are tours at local farms to see firsthand where some of our locally produced foods come from. Ag-related classes and the annual Cooking Pasture-Raised Beef 101 will be offered during the day inside the classroom building adjacent to Mana Christian's Hall. Chef Edwin Goto of Waimea's Village Burger and Noodle Club will lead the popular cooking class with sampling.

Featuring about 20 culinary stations, the evening Taste will be both inside and out of the hall and open to 500 attendees. Tickets will go on sale next summer both online and at select islandwide locations.

In its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, Taste of the Range is changing its focus to share the importance of all types of Hawai'i agriculture while acquainting keiki with farm animals and how agriculture is the science, art and practice of producing food.

"In the past, Taste was geared to inform chefs and attendees on the benefits of using grass-fed beef, while encouraging ranchers to produce it," explains Dr. Russell Nagata, co-chair and retired CTAHR Hawaii County administrator. "Our committee has been meeting all year to come up with a new event emphasizing agriculture in a more broad and comprehensive way. We want to share how our local ranchers and farmers take pride in producing our high-quality food."

Mana Christian 'Ohana is located behind Parker Ranch Center at 67-1182 Lindsey Road. For more event information, visit [www.TasteoftheHawaiianRange.com](http://www.TasteoftheHawaiianRange.com) and stay connected via Facebook at TasteoftheHawaiianRange and at @TasteHI on Twitter and Instagram.

**Taste of the Hawaiian Range and Agriculture Festival** provides a venue for sustainable agricultural education, plus encouragement and support of locally produced ag products. The quality and growth of this event are rooted in business participation, sponsorship and in-kind donations. Volunteers and sponsors are welcomed; contact Dr. Russell Nagata at [rtnagata@gmail.com](mailto:rtnagata@gmail.com). For more information, visit [www.TasteoftheHawaiianRange.com](http://www.TasteoftheHawaiianRange.com).