

RECYCLE WITH EARTHWORMS!

EARLY WORM TEACHERS' WORKSHOP Composting with Worms in Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade

Little kids love to recycle with worms!

It's never too early to learn to be a good citizen – recycling activities are practiced in PK/K/1 classrooms all over Oahu. *Vermicomposting* is the most fun and exciting recycling of all because it involves caring for cute, squiggly, wiggly worms who eat our garbage and poop out nourishing fertilizer for potted plants and school gardens.



The recent availability of a continuous-flow worm hale called the Worm HangOut makes it possible to manage a classroom worm colony with ease. This breathable synthetic fabric bag is suspended on a sturdy Worms on Wheels stand that can be rolled easily from class to class, from indoors to out.

Children tear cardboard to make bedding for the worms from throw-away boxes. They feed worms banana peels, orange rinds, apple cores, veggie trimmings, and old bread. They learn to shred and fluff paper to make a cover for the worm bed. Worms get watered and their drip pan gets emptied. From time to time, worms can come out their bin to be held and studied. Students delight in the routine of caring for and learning about their fascinating new friends.

WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 2012
presented by

Waikiki Worm
C O M P A N Y

9:00–10:30 a.m.
Calvary-by-the-Sea Preschool,
Aina Haina

This 1-1/2 hour workshop is designed to give you the tools, knowledge, and confidence you need to set up and maintain a vermicomposting system in your classroom. We will



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October 1, 2011

The **Kokua Hawaii Foundation** grants \$200 per teacher through their Environmental Education Mini-Grant. To apply, complete the attached form, including required signatures, and fax to 638-0757 by **October 1, 2011**.

Attendance is limited to two teachers from each school. When you are notified of award, please **contact Mindy at waikikiworm@hawaii.rr.com or 945-9676 to reserve your space at the workshop.**

cover step-by-step the set-up and management of the Worm HangOut equipment, demonstrate a harvest, meet and handle the worms themselves, and discuss with experienced early-ed teachers tips to make the classroom worming experience meaningful and fun for young learners.

The workshop will conclude with a tour of Calvary's extensive established worm system and organic garden. After six years of building their worm program, Calvary preschoolers recycle 100% of their snack and lunch waste, harvest and process vermicast, and make vermicast tea to safely treat lawn and landscaping.



Leslie Bingham pioneered the new Worm HangOut technology at LeJardin Preschool. Leslie and other worm educators will be on hand to share their experiences and answer your questions.

COST BREAKDOWN

Equipment and supplies

- One (1) Worm HangOut (choice of color) with unfinished Worms on Wheels stand \$225.00
- 1/2 pound composting worms 80.00
- One (1) accessory package (coir brick, drain pans, food box, watering can, drip mat) 39.00

Workshop fee and materials

- Covers TWO teachers from your school.
- Includes workshop manual and 3-pound sample of vermicast 38.00

Hawaii GE tax 18.00

TOTAL \$400.00