



# GEMS

MARCH 17-24 | TUITION: \$850 KAMA'AINA; \$1150 GENERAL

Girls Entrepreneurship & Mālama 'Aina Springboard (GEMS) Program, a collaboration between 'Akahiao Nature Institute and St. Andrew's Schools, has been designed to cultivate leadership capabilities in young women to grow strong female leaders who have the capacities and dispositions to navigate, guide, and shape our dynamic world.

This nature immersion curriculum has an entrepreneurship focus and is designed to develop confidence and self-efficacy in young women. The program culminates with a design thinking workshop run by Meli James, a successful female entrepreneur.

Program participants are invited to Huehue Ranch on the Big Island, Hawai'i, a microcosm of the world where students can access an understanding of global issues through an intimate exploration of the local landscapes.

Participants will:

- Explore themselves and their capabilities, passions and how their values align with their purpose
- Visit inspiring local social enterprises
- Learn to cook with ingredients from the garden. This teaches important lessons on systems thinking based on permaculture principles
- Build life skills that foster the attitudes and the mindsets that will be useful for living a purposeful life
- Build resiliency, self-efficacy, and courage through a challenging hike up Pu'u Wa'awa'a
- Create a vision of the future and design a pathway with concrete steps to get there



GIRLS ENTREPRENEURSHIP & MĀLAMA 'AINA SPRINGBOARD PROGRAM

VISION

# MODEL FOR OUR FUTURE

MISSION

EXPLORE » DISCOVER » CREATE » INTEGRATE

CORE VALUES



COURAGE TO FOLLOW  
THE NORTH STAR



CREATIVITY AND THE  
POWER OF IMAGINATION



CONNECTED THROUGH  
ALOHA AND MAHALO

## Mentors

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### JEFF FUCHS

Co-Creator & Explorer in Residence

Jeff is an award-winning Himalayan explorer and author. He's obsessed with documenting oral narratives and local's views of the environment. Jeff sees the two as inextricably linked – by preserving culture, we preserve nature. He has spoken to schools and institutions around the world and is an avid spokesman for protecting the waters from source to sea.



### MELI JAMES

Serial Entrepreneur & Innovator

Meli is a co-founder at Mana Up, a Hawai'i-based initiative designed to build the state's next generation of CEOs in the retail and food product industry. Mana Up hosts a 12-week accelerator program offered biannually to enable Hawai'i product entrepreneurs to scale their businesses. Additionally, she is president of the Hawaii Venture Capital Association, an organization that seeks to foster entrepreneurial development through education, networking, and access to capital.



### JULIE ROGERS

Director at 'Akahiao Nature Institute

Julie's passion is to help youth to be empowered to create a future where humans have a symbiotic relationship with Mother Earth. Her interest in nature-inspired education has led her to become crew on the Hokule'a, the Green School Camp in Bali, as well as the Gross National Happiness Center in Bhutan. She has also completed a master's level mentorship program with the Tracking Project in New Mexico and earned a master's in Education from University of Hawai'i.

## Schedule

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### Lay of the Land, Set up Basecamp

Meet the team and learn about the history of Huehue Ranch and Akahiao's guiding philosophies. Spend unstructured time exploring your natural surroundings, settle into your home for the next week and get to know your companions. 'Ai Pono (farm to table).

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### Who I Am, My Nature

Discover your strengths and uncover where you come from. This is a day of reflection and goal setting for the week ahead. Workshops include: River of Life (past), Emotional Intelligence, Strength Finder, Intro to Thanksgiving Address, Farm to Table with Sam, Star Mapping at Night and Campfire.

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### Direction Determination

Take time to understand where you are in your life, what moves you forward and where you are in relation to the greater world. Workshops include: River of Life (present), Values, Storytelling with Hannah Springer, Farm to Table with Sam, Campfire and Reflections.

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### Sacred Summit, Expanding Horizons

Partake in a strenuous physical activity off-campus to gain a bird's eye view of the geological formations that created the islands. Workshops include: Hiking up Pu'u Wa'awa'a, a visit to the Energy Lab at Blue Planet Research, Farm to Table with Sam, Campfire and Reflections.

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### Be a Trailblazer

Meet local entrepreneurs in Kona and get a chance to learn about their life's journeys. Literally become a trailblazer and build a new trail in the forest. Workshops include: a visit to Moringa Farm and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority (NELHA), Fantasy Farm, Trail Building, 'Ai Pono with Sam, Campfire and Reflections.

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### Design Your Future and Your Pizza!

Work with Meli James and start to design your own future. End the day with a home made pizza party! Workshops include: Design Your Future Part One, Design Thinking, Pizza party, Campfire & Reflections.

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### Pulling the Land out of the Sea

Create a prototype of your future and find out what steps you can take to get there. Our final dinner will be created solely by the students using vegetables from the farm. Workshops include: Design Your Future Part Two, Treasure Hunt, 'Ai Pono, Campfire and Presentations.

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### Until We Meet Again

On our final day we will share how each of us will integrate our experiences at 'Akahiao when we get home. Clean up basecamp, exchange your contacts and mahalo for the time we shared.



## THIS NATURE IMMERSION CURRICULUM HAS AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOCUS AND IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND SELF-EFFICACY IN YOUNG WOMEN

Located on the Western slope of Hualalai on the Big Island of Hawai'i, **Huehue Ranch** was established in 1886 by Avery John Maguire as one of the three oldest and largest ranches in Hawaii. With the changing of times and under the direction of the current owner, the ranch has been converted into an experiential learning center for ecological designs and environmental leadership. The vision is to be a model for the future—a place where people and nature live as one and take care of each other in a mutually beneficial way. A sanctuary for those who want to escape modern society and reestablish confidence that our world can run on different values—love and respect for one another, a deep connection with the natural world, gratitude for this beautiful world we are in, and the spirit of collaboration.

Our lush, biodynamic garden has been created by our master landscape artist, converting rocky trampled earth into fertile soil using organic matter found right on the property. Designed for human-nature integration, a walk through the garden is an adventure full of discovery, wonder and sizzling engagement.

Just a 15-minute drive to Kona Airport and Kona town.

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Akahiao is currently working to become accredited by the American Camp Association and anticipates completing the process in 2019. The purpose of ACA accreditation is education, and being accredited means a camp owner/director has chosen to complete a peer review process and has met the established criteria.