

HAWAIIAN LUNAR CALENDAR

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On October 24, 2008 Leeward Community College and MA'O Organic Farms hosted Kumu Kalei Tsuha from Maui Community College. It was held on MA'O Organic Farms under the stars of the Westside. Kumu Kalei talked about the different moon phases and how the Hawaiians used the moon to live in their environment. There are about thirty moon phases in the Hawaiian calendar that the Hawaiians used to fish, farm, work, and even pray. She taught us that the different moon phases were meant for different days and things. On the Hawaiian calendar there are thirteen months in a year and ten days in a week. During the Welo phase the star Kealohilani appears. At the end of her lecture she taught everyone a game that would help us remember the different moon phases. There were about fifty people who came to the farm, consisting of MA'O interns, staff, and the community. Everyone enjoyed themselves as they learned about the moon. We would like to thank Kumu Kalei Tsuha for coming out to MA'O Farms and being such a blessing to everyone.