

## KIHEI YOUTH ACTIVE IN CONSERVATION

Kihei Youth Center members learned proper planting and mulching methods on an educational field trip to the Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe December 28.

Each student learned to demonstrate proper planting, practicing as an instructor and project leader. Students then worked together to complete planting a fifty foot area with an attractive combination of native plants.

The Fleming Arboretum provides educational programs to train and actively involve the community in conservation work, caring for some of Maui's rarest species while restoring Pu'u Mahoe's native forest.

The Kihei Youth Center youth participate each semester in an educational program at the Fleming Arboretum.



Youth learn proper planting and mulching methods on a volunteer work day at the Fleming Arboretum.

Bramwell Abner (top) , Jasmine Clayton( bottom left) and Jose Lopez (bottom right)of Kihei Youth Center, practice as instructor and project leader, demonstrating the “stick method” - using a stick to gauge proper depth of planting.



Jordan Guwaathag assists while Anosha Tatum (on right) demonstrates packing soil around the seedling to prevent it from sinking below proper planting depth.



After practicing as instructors, students work together to complete planting a 50 foot area expanding the Fleming Arboretum with an attractive combination of native plants. (Left to right) Caleb Bosque, La'akea Smith and Cameron Kotter-Gambsky.