

‘Ewa ‘Āina Education Initiative

‘Āina Site Visit (Huaka`i) Cultural Protocol

Discuss cultural protocols practiced at the `āina site with the `āina site steward in advance - this is an important part of the huaka`i experience and a respectful practice.

Often, those who come to `āina sites are asked to demonstrate proper respect by acknowledging they are entering another domain as a guest, and asking permission. Because the volunteer efforts here are sometimes multi-cultural and multi-ethnic, a simple inclusive protocol that honors the Hawaiian lineage of these lands while respecting the broad range of beliefs that may be represented by others.

An oli appropriate for any site, E Hō Mai, asks to gain knowledge from the place. Students are not required to participate in the oli but are asked to remove their hats, and stand quietly while those who wish to, oli. Those who want to learn the oli and who do not have a kumu to instruct them can use an online resource (with a recording of the oli) to learn and memorize it (a recommended site is available via the following URL: <https://apps.ksbe.edu/kscholars/oli/>)

The words and translation are printed below to help. The oli is repeated 3 times.

**E hō mai ka ‘ike mai luna mai ē
‘O nā mea huna no‘eau o nā mele ē
E hō mai, e hō mai, e hō mai ē**

*Give forth knowledge from above
Every little bit of wisdom contained in song
Give forth, give forth, oh give forth*

Upon discussing protocol with the `āina site steward, groups may also offer an oli kāhea (i.e. one from their school or ahupua`a), ho`okupu or makana for the `āina site hosts.



