

Sign up, pack up and live it up in Hawaii

The Hawaiian Islands, their surf, sun and tropical greenery beckon readers of the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

For \$899, you can take part in a two-week tour of the 50th state that will fly you to Honolulu on Nov. 16 and bring you back Dec. 1.

In between, you will spend five nights on Oahu's Waikiki Beach at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, then fly to three other islands. You will be able to relax for three nights in the Coco Palms Resort Hotel on Kauai.

Then it's off to the Royal Lahaina Hotel on the island of Maui for three nights, followed by three more nights on Hawaii, the biggest of the state's islands.

Keep in mind that at that time of year you will probably be delighted to exchange the greys and browns of the Michigan winter for Hawaii's purple orchids, white sands and blue Pacific.

Some sight seeing tours such as an excursion around Honolulu, a boat trip on the Waialua River or a dip into Iao Valley are part of the package. Other outings such as a journey to Waimea Canyon—regarded as the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, or to the lush Hamalei Valley where the movie "South Pacific" was filmed, are optional.

PERHAPS YOUR IDEA of a good time is golf or tennis or catching the rays on a beach enjoying the 75-80 degree temperatures. Or maybe you will want to go looking for the largest dormant volcano in the world at Haleakala Crater.

Or is the ancient whaling center, Lahaina, a quaint fishing village, more your bag? Take note also, that deep sea fishing is supposed to be good on the island of Hawaii. And don't forget the Opaekaa Falls on Kauai. Some people have been known to wear out their bathing suits sliding down the falls into the stream below.

The tour is being arranged by the Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Payne Travel Corporation of Southfield, which will send along a professional tour host for the entire trip.

Also aboard will be a reporter and photographer from the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, who know a good story when they see one.

Once in the islands, native Hawaiians will be assigned escort duty, and will be available as resource persons.

Round trip transportation will be provided by United Airlines regularly scheduled service. Planes will be a Boeing 747 or DC-10. Island hopping will be in jets of the Oloha Airlines or Hawaiian Air.

The round trip price of \$899 covers deluxe coach transfers between airports and hotels, to-your-room luggage handling and all taxes, tips and service charges.

The price is for double occupancy. Those wanting single occupancy should add \$260 to the tour fee.

TO SIGN UP for this South Pacific adventure, watch for Monday's Observer & Eccentric. An advertisement about the tour will appear on the back of the first section with a coupon that can be filled out and returned. After mailing it in, you will receive a color brochure on this Hawaii Four-Island vacation.

You will also be able to indicate your interest in attending a free travel party with a color movie and refreshments.

Or if you are ready to take the plunge and join the tour, mail in a \$25 deposit to secure your place on the program. Space is limited, so it would be wise to register early. Places will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your deposit or the full tour price is guaranteed, and you can get it back 48 hours prior to departure.

Deposits can be mailed to the travel desk at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. For further information call the travel desk at 591-2300, ext. 244.

Registrations open for Camp Wathana

Camp Fire Girls Detroit Area Council has opened registration for camping sessions this summer at the Council's Camp Wathana. The camping program will begin June 24 and continue through Aug. 12.

The 380-acre camp, located near Holly close to I-75, is about one hour

from Detroit. The camp is open to all girls ages 7-17.

Newly featured this summer will be special camping sessions for boys 8-9. Also on the summer agenda are special sessions for senior citizens, adults and families.

Camp Wathana includes a lodge,

dining hall, cabins for sleeping, bathroom and shower facilities. A spring-fed lake provides swimming, fishing and boating.

A brochure, "Wathana 1978" can be obtained free through the Camp Fire Girls office, 51 W. Warren in Detroit or by calling 833-2670.

Along with the traditional resident camp experiences of swimming, horseback riding, nature crafts, archery, hiking and fishing, more unusual offerings are available, including programs involving girls and their grandmothers, biking, horse care skills and others.

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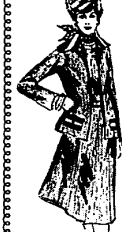
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