

Poster

The Ethnobiology Society of the University of Hawaii at Manoa

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Introduction. The ethnobotanical student organization can be an important tool for enhancing and creating educational opportunities for students and professors, and for creating an atmosphere of community and collaboration between researchers with similar interests.

Objectives. 1) Educate individuals from other schools about the usefulness of this tool. 2) Facilitate collaborations between our organization and other similar organizations and institutions. 3) Assist other schools and institutions to develop similar organizations.

Methods. Describe our goals, accomplishments, projects, events, desire to collaborate, and contact information.

Results. We host guest speakers, often followed by interactive social events. We work on cultural and ecological community service projects. We go on field trips. We discuss ethnobotanical literature and topics of interest. We hold workshops and other learning events. We maintain a calendar of upcoming ethnobotanical events. We facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration, with quite diverse disciplines represented in our membership. We have maintained continuity, training and assisting new leaders to carry on the organization year after year. Most of all, we foster ethnobotanical community: a forum for ethnobotanical communication, inspiration, creation, and collaboration.

Conclusion. The ethnobotanical student organization is a powerful tool which enhances the learning experience and assists in forming meaningful collaborations.

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Selected References

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