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### **2023 Service Learning, Youth and Community Preparedness Summit**

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in collaboration with the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), the Guam Youth Preparedness Program, the Guam Service Learning Committee, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will host the 2023 Service Learning, Youth and Community Preparedness Summit, January 25-27, 2023:

- Wednesday and Thursday, January 25-26, 2023, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the University of Guam, School of Business and Public Administration Bldg. - Summit for educators and community partners
- Friday, January 27, 2023, from 8 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort - Summit for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from GDOE and select off-island schools

This year's theme is *Building Environmental Advocates: Strengthening Community Resilience through Disaster Preparedness*. The event partners the Service Learning Program with the Guam Youth Preparedness Program and presents concepts for environmental advocacy that the teachers and students can participate in, take into their Service Learning planning, and apply them when preparing for natural disasters. The summit is co-sponsored by the AAFB Fruit Bat Monitoring Program to incorporate place-based learning concepts focused on Guam's environment in our local curriculum to increase community resilience.

The summit includes two tracks: Wednesday, January 25 - Thursday, January 26, focusing on educators and community partners, which helps teachers integrate service learning into their classes. The two-day session topics include climate change impacts, wildfire prevention and service learning curriculum, environmental advocacy, implementation of place-based strategies into schools, and an outdoor field activity on the second day. Outreach exhibitors from partner agencies will also be available.

Friday, January 27, will focus on students and opportunities to engage in community preparedness work, connect community partners with students and educators, and review a plethora of topics including civic responsibility, advocacy in service to the community, and youth preparedness. Presentations from the Guam Department of Agriculture, FEMA Region IX, National Weather Service Guam, and others will be included.

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