Out and about in Oahu

Welcome to Hawaii!
Now that most of us have flown here, from across the country or even from across the world, you don’t want to miss this opportunity to see the best of what Hawaii and Oahu have to offer. And with the exhibit hall doors closing each day at 3:30 p.m., it leaves plenty of time to get out and explore Oahu.

With Waikiki as a central hub, you can explore the legendary North Shore one day and spend the next on the east side snorkeling at Hanauma Bay, a protected marine sanctuary with tons of colorful fish. Thrill seekers can skydive at Mokuleia while daydreamers can relax peacefully on the beach.

Here are some tips and activities to consider when exploring Oahu.

Traveling on Oahu
You can get around by car rental, shuttle, taxi or Oahu’s public transportation sys-

Quench your thirst

This year’s AAO annual meeting promises to satisfy your need for knowledge with expert lecturers and an array of companies showing off new technology

By Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

The sun is shining, the water is beckoning, it’s a beautiful day in Honolulu, and you’re headed… inside?

Yes, from at least 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., you’re going to want to head inside the Honolulu Convention Center to get the most out of the American Association of Orthodontist’s 112th annual meeting.

Nowhere else will you find the vast educational opportunities and C.E. opportunities aimed directly at orthodontists than this group’s annual meeting, which is why thousands of orthodontists and orthodontic staff make sure not to miss this educational program — even when the beaches of Waikiki are calling.

More than 160 clinicians and experts are here to speak on the most important trends, technologies and advance in orthodontics.

“We think that the exciting slate of speakers presenting during the next few days will satisfy your thirst for knowledge, while the relaxing environment will help you unwind and absorb the positive culture that permeates Hawaii,” said Michael B. Rogers, DDS, AAO president, in the program guide.

It’s also the perfect place to contemplate and make those big practice purchases you’ve been thinking about all year. With more than 300 exhibiting companies on tap, you’re sure to find everything you ever wanted and much more.

Education
Scientific lectures at the AAO will run the gamut from fundamentals to surgical considerations.

Here is just a small sampling of the extensive list of programs you may attend at the AAO:

• “The Role of Micro-implants in Surgi-
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Mobile technology

The 2012 Annual Session iPhone application and mobile Internet browser for other smart phones is available. View session details, create your own agenda, network with other attendees, complete session evaluations, view exhibitor information and more.

First-time users will be asked to log in with their annual session registration confirmation numbers, create profiles and select new passwords.

To view the application on your phone, type in http://mobile.aao2012.allunetc.com (Click on “My Agenda” to log into an existing account or create a new account.)

- iPhone users should visit the app store via their phones and search for AAO 2012.
- Your registration confirmation number and attendee service center login password can be found in your registration confirmation e-mail. The subject line of the confirmation is: Registration Confirmation — 2012 AAO Annual Session. Attendees who wish to use the mobile service but do not have a smart phone may rent an iPod Touch on-site.

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• 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. today, Sunday and Monday
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Table clinics
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Scientific posterboard exhibits
9-11 a.m. Sunday

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Those children participating in tours also have the option to sign up for hourly on-site attendance prior to and following the tour. An hourly rate will apply.

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Professional lecture recordings
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