Summer Camps Schedule - Summer 2026*

Presented by The University of Hawai'i Postsecondary Support Project

SAVE THE DATE!

LEVEL UP MĀNOA! ESPORTS

Tuesday, July 21 - Friday, July 24, 2026*

- Self-Determination (SD) Informed Esports Camp in a State of the Art Esports Lab and Gym.
- Learn and apply Self Determination in the context of inclusive esports gaming.
- Enhance SD, social, and technology skills, build inclusive communities.

CAMP MĀNOA

SELF DETERMINATION TRAINING

Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31, 2026*

- SD Focused Classroom-based Camp
- Learn & apply Self Awareness, Regulation, Efficacy, & Advocacy Skills in a warm, fun, & supportive on-campus setting
- Off-Campus Culture-focused learning trip
- Participate in wellness and social activities

*Dates subject to change based on housing availability.

Both Events held at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus

WHAT TO EXPECT:
LEVEL UP MĀNOA! – ESPORTS

Join us for a disability-inclusive camp in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's world-class Esports lab. The goal of Level Up Mānoa! is to foster an Esports gaming community that is inclusive and welcoming of individuals with significant disabilities.

Each day will include direct instruction and opportunities to apply self determination skills through engaging activities like computer building, group gaming, and avatar creation. Participants will build connections with peers and experts with insight on careers in gaming. Don't miss this chance to level up your approach to gaming while expanding your Self Awareness, Self Regulation, and Self Advocacy skills.

Level Up Mānoa! is a four-day, three-night in-person experience. Participants will stay overnight in single or double-occupancy dormitory rooms at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, enjoy meals in the campus cafeteria, and participate in various on-campus workshops.

Coordinated by the University of Hawai'i Postsecondary Support Project, PTACT & UH Esports, with support from CDS, SOH DD Division, and the UHM College of Education.

WHAT TO EXPECT: CAMP MĀNOA

Camp Mānoa is a transformative five-day, four-night experience that empowers current and transitioning college students to develop the skills they need to take charge of their educations, careers, and lives. This intensive Self Determination training camp offers participants focused time to learn and practice the tools they will need to navigate their journeys with confidence and independence.

Through interactive workshops and mentorship, students will develop essential skills for personal and academic success. As a final project, each participant will present a self determined vision for the upcoming academic year and their plans to realize it. Students will stay overnight in dormitories at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, eat in campus cafeterias, and participate in various on-campus workshops and culture-focused activities.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa faculty and staff from the Postsecondary Support Project Inclusive Higher Education program will facilitate workshops. Trained peer counselors, all CPR-certified, will support students in group work and provide additional coaching as needed.

The curriculum emphasizes the core components of self-determination, preparing participants to envision and achieve a future driven by their own goals and choices. All activities provide education and hands-on practice in the following areas:

- **Self-Awareness:** Understanding strengths, challenges, and personal identity
- **Self-Regulation**: Managing actions, emotions, thinking, behaviors, and responses.
- **Self-Efficacy:** Building confidence in one's abilities
- **Self-Advocacy:** Effectively communicating needs and goals
- **Problem-Solving:** Developing critical thinking skills for real-world challenges
- **Goal-Setting:** Creating actionable, meaningful objectives
- **Decision-Making:** Strengthening independent and informed choices

Coordinated by PSP, PTACT, the UH Center on Disability Studies & UHM College of Education, in partnership with Syracuse University Inclusive U, and The University of Missouri St. Louis Office of Inclusive Postsecondary Education.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there a cost to attend?
Camp Mānoa and Level Up Mānoa! are subsidized by the Center on Disability Studies, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Developmental Disabilities Division. The standard cost for each training activity is $1,500 per student for classroom-based training activities, room and board, and other miscellaneous expenses. Private pay options and scholarship/fellowships may be available. Previous participants have succeeded in securing Vocational Rehabilitation and Medicaid waiver funding to cover all or part of expenses including travel to and from the events, check with your support agencies for more information.

Q: How do I make arrangements for ADA accommodation?
If you need any ADA accommodation, your request must be made with PSP at least ten (10) business days in advance of the start date.

Q: What types of accommodations are available?
To accommodate participants, we can provide the necessary accommodations:
Trained Staff: Facilitation styles, communication methods, implementation of behavior plans, modification/adaptation of activities, etc.
Communication Access: Sign language interpreters or listening devices upon request. In-person or remote Professional interpretation will be arranged for classroom sessions.
Facilities: Ensure physical accessibility and/or transportation to all sites and program offerings upon request.
Programming: Utilize the services of Inclusion Specialists during summer operations to help address participation issues/needs/ADA accommodations.

Q: If I already attended before can I attend again?
Yes. If we have space, Level Up Mānoa and Camp Mānoa are repeatable and counselor in training opportunities are available. In the unlikely event of space, personnel, or funding limitations, first-time students will receive priority.

Q: Can I attend only during the day or on specific days?
Students are expected to attend all activities and stay over in the dorms. If a student has physical or mental health or other concerns that might make staying over challenging, please contact us to discuss a “day-only” option.

Q: What should I bring?
We will send out a packing list in early July for students.