

Aloha Makes All the Difference (Part 1)

Video Description

Uncle Scotty demonstrates how showing aloha to invasive species can benefit them, our community, and our culture.



Guiding Questions

- Why should we know about the wood that comes from invasive trees?
- What kind of invasive wood does Uncle Scotty talk about?
- Why is it important to populate our forests with native plants and trees?
- How can aloha change the way we interact with invasives?
- What are some of the invasives Uncle Scotty likes to work with?

Thinking Beyond

- How does building an albizia canoe perpetuate Hawaiian or Pacific Island culture?
- Mangrove is a threat to ancient Hawaiian fishponds. How can the removal of these invasives support other cultural practices?

Pick Safety (Part 2)

Video Description

Uncle Scotty demonstrates pick safety.



Guiding Questions

- Why should we know pick safety?
- What is the technique to properly use a pick?
- If you use Uncle Scotty's method, what does he promise?
- What does Uncle Scotty mean when he says, "The pick cannot be mad at the shovel because the shovel is not a pick."

Thinking Beyond

- Describe a time when you had to rely on someone. How did it work out?
- Tools are designed to make work lighter. If you were a tool, what would you be? Why?

Making Shakas (Part 3)

Video Description

Uncle Scotty shows us a shaka-riffic technique to keep our line untangled and ready to lash.



Guiding Questions

- What is the purpose in making a shaka bundle?
- Why should someone who is a lasher learn the shaka technique?
- What do lashers, surfers, hula dancers, yogis, and basketball players have in common?
- How are the following words used to describe parts of the shaka bundle? collar, tail, and half-hitch.
- How do you know if you have made your shaka properly?

Thinking Beyond

- Uncle Scotty talks about practicing 100 to 1,000 times to perfect the shaka bundle. Have you ever practiced a lot to get good at something?
- The shaka bundle is a tool that helps with preparation, safety, and clean up. Can you think of a tool that has helped make things easier for you?

Lashing (Part 4)

Video Description

Uncle Scotty shows us how to lash an 'oloke'a (scaffold) used in hale building..



Guiding Questions

- How is the 'oloke'a different from a common scaffold?
- What is the purpose of the 'oloke'a?
- Uncle Scotty talks about intention when lashing. What does he mean by this?
- Uncle Scotty says each lash can withstand 500 lbs. of weight. How many pounds does it take to break the 'oloke'a?

Thinking Beyond

- Uncle Scotty is a master of metaphors, which is a Hawaiian way to explain something through story. Can you create a story to explain something?