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A modern interpretation of the classic Hawaii summer camp, this warm and spacious home was designed with longevity in mind. Incorporating various timeless elements, which remain relevant to century-old architecture and design, the architects intended to create a home that would aesthetically stand the test of time.

In reference to traditional Hawaiian architecture, the home is made up of multiple communal hangout spots, allowing for interaction among residents and guests. Located at the base of the Big Island's large cinder cone, Pu'u Ku'ili, it offers expansive views of the Pacific Ocean and Kua Bay, as well as mountain views of Hualalai. The property was originally used for ranching and the owners felt compelled to return it to its natural state with the re-naturalization of a collapsed lava tube and bunch grasses. Furthermore, the buildings reinforce the camp-like aesthetic by utilizing simple, durable materials such as board-formed concrete, western red cedar, oversized sliding doors, operable wood ventilation louvers, and rope lashing.

The commodious and open backyard includes a large overhang of western red cedar, which shelters a tiki bar and cozy sitting area. This space, complete with multiple lounge chairs and breathtaking ocean views, spills over into the pool. A barbeque/luau area allows for gatherings of family and friends under the comfort and shade of a kiawe tree.

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Marion Philpotts of Philpotts Interiors incorporated bright colors and retro elements, tying into the modern theme of the structure, while creating a vintage vibe. The expansive kitchen constructed in western red cedar includes a breakfast bar, dining table, and state-of-the-art appliances. Its tall ceiling, large windows, and grand sliding doors, which open to the backyard, are cohesive with the open and airy theme of the house. Intimate spaces for privacy are implemented throughout the home, including cozy reading nooks and relaxing sitting areas. It is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the natural climate and landscape of Hawaii.

