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Another Opportunity to Connect with Kahuku

On Tuesday, August 21, 2007 from 9 am to noon, park rangers will again host "Kahuku Connections: Linking Science to the Past."

This is the second offering of a program that allows participants to explore Kahuku and join in an innovative program currently being introduced to local high school students.

On this trip, participants will carpool five miles up the main dirt road to the Upper Glover section of the park. From there, they will hike through native forest of koa, 'ohi'a, `olapa, and hapu`u.

The program's coordinator, Park Ranger Joni Mae Makuakane-Jarrell said, "This is a great opportunity to hike in the uplands of Ka`u, learn about the area's natural and human history, and hear stories of this historic ranchland."



'Ukuli'i kapua o Kahuku, onaona i ka mau'u. Tiny is the flower of Kahuku, yet it scents the surrounding grasses.

The program is limited to 24 people and pre-registration is required. To register, call 985-6019 and leave a message that includes a contact phone number and the names of each participant in your group; no more than four in a group.

Participants should be able to hike at least two miles over rocky and uneven terrain and scramble up a 50' grassy incline. They should wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sunscreen, and a hat and bring water, snacks, and a rainjacket. Planned activities, that include GPS, are suitable for those 12 years of age and older.

Kahuku is a sprawling natural wonder of lava flows and endemic forests that shelter rare and endangered plants and birds.

The entrance to the Kahuku Unit is located in Ka'u between mile markers 70 and 71 on Highway 11. The gate will be open Tuesday morning between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. to allow entrance to those pre-registered for the program. No late-comers or walk-ins will be allowed.

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