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Celebrate National Park Week

Each year, by Presidential proclamation, a week is set aside to recognize America's national parks. This year, National Park Week is celebrated from April 19-27 and the theme is *Kids in Parks*.

E komo mai! Come to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and celebrate National Park Week with park rangers and native practitioners as they share nature's beauty and the cultural arts.

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Kilauea Visitor Center, join Violet May Makuakane and learn to make a feather kahili (feather standard) or join Leianuenue Reveira from the UH-Hilo Education Department and learn to weave lauhala (pandanus leaves) into a star, ball or fish. Listen as award-winning singer, songwriter Kenneth Makuakane shares music from his new album, *Makuakane*, and other original compositions.



Junior Rangers can try their hand at ulu maika during National Park Week

At 11:00 am, meet at the Kilauea Visitor Center and join Park Ranger B.G. Horvat on an easy one hour walk through a rainforest of giant tree ferns and on a boardwalk past steam vents and sulfur crystals.

Between 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm, meet Park Ranger B. G. Horvat at the Kilauea Visitor Center and try your hand at ulu maika (Hawaiian bowling) or challenge a friend to moa pahe'e (sliding dart).

At 1:30 pm, meet Park Ranger Dean Gallagher at the Kilauea Visitor Center and join him on an easy one hour walk on the 'Iliahi Trail along the rim of Kilauea caldera.

Children ages 6 to 12 who participate in one of these ranger-led programs will earn a special commemorative 2008 Junior Ranger button, patch, and certificate.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

At 9:30 am meet Park Ranger B. G. Horvat at Kipukapuauulu (located two miles up Mauna Loa Road) and join in a one-mile, 2½ hour hike beneath ancient 'ohi'a, koa, and manele trees. See rare and endangered plants found nowhere else on earth and discover how native plants were vital to the daily life of Hawai'i's first people. Learn why so many of Hawai'i's native plants and animals are endangered and what effect climate change has on these species. See how resource managers continue to eliminate invasive non-natives and restore this Special Ecological Area. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sunscreen, and a hat and bring water and a rainjacket.

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