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Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute Offers Islandwide Adventures



On February 7, 2009, join Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute on Holoholo Hualalai, a rocky scramble in Pinzgauer vehicles to the summit of Hualalai volcano. The all-day program is \$100 for Friends' members and \$125 for non-members, and includes lunch, snacks, and drinks. Reservations are required; call (808) 985-7373. Photo by Lanaya Deily

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, in partnership with Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, announces the 2009 rollout of the *Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute*.

The *Institute's* series of programs, designed for both island residents and visitors, will enrich the lives of all those eager to learn more about Hawai'i's geological, biological, and cultural heritage. *Institute* learning adventures range from one to several day excursions and combine instruction with hands-on learning.

The classroom might be a crater's edge, rain forest, or mountaintop. On February 7th *Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute* presents a rare adventure learning opportunity, *Holoholo Hualalai*, an off-road journey with Hawai'i Forest & Trail to the summit of Hualalai volcano—a remote and seldom explored area.

Hawai'i Volcanoes Superintendent Cindy Orlando declared, "What an exciting milestone. *Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute* is our partner in providing high-quality programs that inspire appreciation and stewardship of this remarkable Park."

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



The *Institute* offers opportunities for in-depth exploration of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve. The *Institute* models itself on other well-known institutes including those at Yellowstone, Glacier, and Yosemite national parks.

With knowledge and passion, scientists, archeologists, artists, historians, and cultural practitioners provide intriguing ways of viewing the Park and surrounding lands. They have the ability to engage students of any age with the wonders found here.

Through the study of island volcanoes, *Institute* programs invite participants to experience their connection to the living earth. Kilauea's breath is visible. Here, the earth is born. We feel the heat of the earth upon our own skin and glimpse the fire within.

Institute programs also focus on Hawai'i's unique plants and animals. Ecosystems range from undersea habitats to the shoreline, then rise steadily to glaciated landscapes above 13,000 feet. Plants and animals that reached these islands adapted to each elevation niche over millennia, becoming species found nowhere else on earth.

In addition, Hawaiian chants, songs, and stories offer a profound understanding of these islands and *Institute* programs feature a vibrant Hawaiian culture deeply connected to this land.

The 2009 inaugural year of Institute programs is sponsored in part by a County Product Enrichment Program (CPEP) grant from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority in partnership with the County of Hawai'i's Department of Research and Development.

To find information and/or register for Holoholo Hualalai or any of the other *Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute* 2009 programs, visit the Friends' website at www.FHVNP.org or call the Friends' office at (808) 985-7373.