



**HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK ANNOUNCES
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*Digital Mountain -- It's my park --2009***

Students! A contest is starting. ***Digital Mountain -- It's my park***. Fabulous prizes will be awarded that include: digital video cameras, I-Mac computers and park passes. Prizes will be awarded at a film festival during the weekend of September 19. Scheduled bus rides to and from the park, cameras and editing equipment will be available and professional film makers on hand to help students make a film that tells their story of why "It's my park!" "We are delighted to provide this opportunity for our neighboring communities and hope after this first year we will be able to reach out to more communities," said superintendent Cindy Orlando.

Students in grades 7 through 12 will learn film-making while talking story about Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and an opportunity to use state-of-the-art equipment to make their film called, "It's My Park." You'll learn how to do a story board to plan your movie.

During the summer, a bus will pick you up in your community and take you to the park. You'll be able use digital equipment to film the park and the people you want to interview. After that a bus with editing equipment software and experts will return to your community to finalize your short film.

The film festival begins on Sept 19, 2009. You'll see your own film on the screen and see and hear stories from other participants. There will be several winners including a people's choice award.

Digital Mountain -- It's my park is sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i Natural History Association, Ka'u Rural Health Association, Pacific Media Trust and Learning, Friends for the Future, National Park Foundation and the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund. Don't miss out on the fun!

If you want to be involved and make a film, call 985-6011 or go online at www.nps.gov/havo/forkids or email info@digitalmountain-hawaii.com.

Dates:

July 1-3	Kalapana Community	July 13-15	Volcano School of Arts and Sciences
July 4-6	Kua o Kalā	July 16-18	Pahala
July 7-9	Pāhoa	July 19-21	Na'alehu
July 10-12	Kamehameha Schools Kea'au	July 22-24	Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

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