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## Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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### “E Ho‘omau i ka Po‘ohala”

Carry on the Virtues, Arts, and Skills of the Family at the Kīlauea Cultural Festival

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park invites you to join in a celebration of Hawai'i's unique island heritage. A cultural festival is set for Saturday, July 10, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The activities will take place on the front lawn of the Kīlauea Military Camp on Crater Rim Drive. The event is free and park entrance fees will be waived.

This year's theme is from ‘*Ōlelo No‘eau* by Mary Kawena Puku‘i: “I ulu no ka lālā o ke kumu, the branches grow because of the trunk.” The ‘*ōlelo* has a very special meaning. Like the roots of a tree, our kumu (teachers) pass on their knowledge and skills to haumana (students) who grow and bloom like a tree's branches and flowers. Through the sharing of their art and craft, our kumu perpetuate Hawai'i's indigenous culture.

“This is the park's 24th annual festival,” said Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando. “It exemplifies the unity of our island community and the National Park Service coming together to perpetuate Hawaiian culture. It is particularly appropriate as we work together with our communities to develop a regional approach to stewardship, strengthen relationships with park neighbors, and thank those who have supported this park over many years.”

Iaukea Bright, from KHBC radio, will emcee. You're invited to sit back and enjoy hula by Hālau o Kekuhi, Nā Lima Lele o Nā Kūpuna, and Ke Ala Pono o Nā Kūpuna, and the sweet sounds of Hawaiian music by Pu'ulena and Diana Aki and Friends.

You can learn to make flower lei, feather kahili, bamboo stamps. You can weave coconut and lauhala, taste traditional foods, and play musical implements and Hawaiian games.

Local experts will demonstrate how to fish, build canoe, craft drums, do lomilomi massage, beat kapa, craft ukulele, carve wood, and use medicinal plants. There will even be an opportunity to “talk story” with several of our kūpuna.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park was established on August 1, 1916, "as a public park for the enjoyment of the people." An important purpose of the park is to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and promote appreciation of its traditional values. The festival provides an ideal occasion for kama'āina (native born) and malihini (newcomer) to come together for a day of fun and sharing.

Kīlauea's weather at the 4,000' elevation can be hot and sunny, or cool and misty. Festivalgoers should wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses, and bring a ground mat, snacks, water, and rain jacket.

The event is cosponsored by the Hawai'i Natural History Association, Kīlauea Military Camp, Volcano Art Center, Keomailani Hanapi Foundation, Mountain Institute, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and many other community groups and individuals.

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