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Hawai'i Volcanoes' 27th Annual Cultural Festival Celebrates the Hula

Hawai'i Volcanoes' 27th annual cultural festival is set for Saturday, July 14, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will take place on the front lawn of Kilauea Military Camp on Crater Rim Drive. The festival is free and park entrance fees will be waived.

The festival theme is *E Hula Mai*, Come Hula! At 10:00 a.m., the echo of the pu (shell trumpet) and a pule by Kupuna Pele Hanoa will remind us all that the culture of Hawai'i is very much alive.

The festival's emcee will be Jazz Yglesias, and Tommy "Kahikina" Ching will broadcast the event live on KAPA radio. Enjoy hula by Ray Fonseca's Hula Halau o Kahikilaulani and Aloha Kupuna, a senior group from Hilo.

Listen to the sweet sounds of Hawaiian music by the Keawe Trio, Kenneth Makuakane, and Diane Aki.

Learn Hawaiian crafts from the masters. Join in and make a lei, feather kahili, and pala'ie (ball and loop game). Learn to weave a coconut basket, and lauhala bracelet; play musical implements and Hawaiian games; make a Hawaiian quilt piece; and taste traditional foods such as taro, sweet potato, sugar cane, and breadfruit.

Watch skilled practitioners demonstrate how to fish, throw net, build canoe, do lomilomi massage, beat kapa, carve wood, use plants as medicine, make ti leaf cape and sandals, stamp with bamboo, decorate gourds, make a lauhala hat and feather lei, create a native plant garden, and plant dryland taro.

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'aina (native born) and malihini (newcomer) to come together for a day of fun and sharing.

Participants will be able to buy locally-made Hawaiian crafts from the cultural demonstrators. Hawaiian plate lunch and festival t-shirts will also be available for purchase.

Festivalgoers should wear sunscreen and a hat, and bring water, a rainjacket, and a ground mat or chair to sit on. It may be hot and sunny or cool and misty. Pets are not allowed.

The event is cosponsored by the County of Hawai'i Department of Research and Development, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Hawai'i Natural History Association, Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Volcano Art Center, and Kilauea Military Camp. For more information, visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/havo> or call (808) 985-6011.



This year's festival logo features *na hula kane*, men's hula. It is a block print by Volcano artist Dietrich Varez

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