



Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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Cultural Festival Celebrates *Year of the Paniolo*



Park Ranger Faelyn Jardine rides Anuenue, a park Morgan horse who will celebrate her 30th birthday at this year's festival

Photo by David Boyle

Hawai'i Volcanoes' 28th annual cultural festival is set for Saturday, July 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

"This year we'll gather together and honor the rich heritage of the Hawaiian cowboy," said Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando. "And how appropriate, as Hawai'i Volcanoes has a long and abiding paniolo tradition."

Throughout the years, rangers and horses have teamed together to round up feral goats, search for invasive plants, and maintain wilderness trails and campsites. They patrol park trails, join in local parades, and will be on hand to greet the public at this year's festival.

The free event, offering fun for the whole family, will be held at the park's Kahuku Unit located in Ka'u between the 70 and 71 mile marker on Highway 11.

Jazz Yglesias will emcee and Skylark will broadcast the happenings live on KAPA radio.

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The festivities start at 10:00 am when the echo of the pu (shell trumpet) and a heartfelt pule (Hawaiian prayer) will remind us that the culture of Hawai'i is very much alive.



Kumu Hula Ab Kawainohoikala`i Valencia will share the song and dance of his halau

Enjoy hula by Leo Nahenahe o Pohai Kealoha, Halau Hula Kalehuaki`eki`eika`iu with Kumu Hula Ab Kawainohoikala`i Valencia, Lori Lei Hula Studio with Kumu Hula Lori Lei Shirakawa, and Halau Hula na Pua`O Uluhaimalama with Kumu Hula Emery Aceret. Listen to the sweet sounds of Hawaiian music by `Ulelewaihu`i, Kenneth Makuakane, and Diana Aki.

Join in and make a lei and feather kahili, weave a coconut basket and lauhala bracelet, play musical implements and Hawaiian games, and taste traditional foods such as kalua pig, taro, sweet potato, sugar cane, and breadfruit.

Watch skilled practitioners demonstrate their arts. Learn how to fish, throw net, build canoe, craft drums, 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.

Participants will be able to buy locally-made Hawaiian crafts from the cultural demonstrators. Food, drinks, and special edition festival t-shirts will also be available for purchase.

Festival goers should wear sunscreen and a hat, and bring water, a rainjacket, and a ground mat 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 www.nps.gov/havo or call (808) 985-6011.



Learn to make a flower lei and weave a lauhala bracelet

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