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## Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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### **Park Celebrates Junior Ranger Day with New Book Release**

On Saturday, April 25, 2009 Hawai'i Volcanoes will join in the national celebration of Junior Ranger Day with the release of a new book for kids, the *Hawai'i Island National Parks Junior Ranger Adventure Book*.

The event will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the grass lawn near the Volcano Art Center Gallery.

Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando will unveil the book, the first Junior Ranger book that highlights all five national park units on the island of Hawai'i—Hawai'i Volcanoes, Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau, Kaloko-Honokohau, Pu'ukohola Heiau, and Ala Kahakai. The book encourages kids to become Junior Park Rangers by exploring, learning, and joining in fun outdoor activities with their family at the five park sites.



The public is invited to join the celebration and meet the winning artists whose work is featured in the new book. There will be refreshments, music, activities for children under 7 years-old, and free copies of the new *Junior Ranger Adventure Book* for each 7 to 12 year-old present.

The first 100 families who attend the celebration with a 7 to 12 year-old child will receive a free coupon redeemable for a Tri-Park Annual Pass (valued at \$25.00). The coupons will be issued one per family, on a first-come basis during the celebration.

As a special tribute, Kenneth Makuakane, a Na Hoku Hanohano Award winning song writer and recording artist, will debut his new mele, *Huaka'i Hele*, written in honor of all Junior Rangers whose efforts and dedication to resource protection offer hope for the future of our island's parks.

For questions or information, call the park's Education Center at (808) 985-6019.

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