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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### **Public Invited to Fourth Astronomy Day and Star Party Event**

Tulelake, CA – Larry Whalon, Acting Superintendent of Lava Beds National Monument, invites the public to participate in the fourth annual Astronomy Day and Star Party Event on Saturday, August 15th from 11:00am to midnight.

Throughout the day, visitors of all ages can participate in a special Night Sky Junior Ranger Program. From 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, amateur astronomers will set up several sun-safe telescopes for viewing and learning about our closest star, the sun. Visitors will have the opportunity to fashion a solar bracelet, create their own constellation projector, learn how to identify the constellations, and watch a super nova come to life!

From 6:00pm to midnight, join park employees for games, music, hot chocolate and coffee, and watch the premiere of the Crystal Ice Cave film! Continue to join amateur astronomers in looking through telescopes at our beautiful galaxy and learn about the various constellations in our hemisphere. Visitors may also bring their own telescopes and binoculars. Enjoy a ranger guided sunset canoe trip or an evening hike up Schonchin Butte to watch the sun set from two beautiful locations in the park. If you plan to stick around, be sure to bring a picnic dinner, as only light snacks are available for purchase at the gift shop.

There is no cost for the event; however, the park entrance fee of \$15 per vehicle is applicable. Indian Well campground, conveniently located adjacent to the Visitor Center, is open. For directions and further information, please call Lava Beds National Monument at 530-667-8113, 8:30 am–6:00 pm, or visit the website at [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe).

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*Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!*

*For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8110, email [labe\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:labe_interpretation@nps.gov), or go to [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe). Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.*

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