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Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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Lava Beds National Monument Invites the Public to the Fifth Astronomy Day and Star Party!

TULELAKE, CA—Superintendent Larry Whalon of Lava Beds National Monument invites the public to participate in the fifth Astronomy Day and Star Party event on Saturday, August 20th from 12:00 noon to midnight.

Throughout the day, visitors of all ages can participate in a special Night Sky Junior Ranger Program. From 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 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 far apart the planets are, and explore a lava tube with astronaut-rangers!

“We’re looking forward to bringing back some crowd favorites from last year’s activities as well as trying something new in offering more ranger programs,” said Mary Sullivan, co-coordinator of the event.

From 8:00 pm to midnight, join park employees for games, music, hot chocolate and coffee, and watch 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 evening hike up Schonchin Butte to watch the sunset,

and attend a moonlit hike to see the night sky from two beautiful locations in the park. Feel free to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy at the park as the day's events occur.

There is no cost for the event, however the standard park entrance fee of \$15.00 per vehicle is applicable. Indian Well Campground, conveniently located adjacent to the visitor center, will be open.

For directions and further information, please call Lava Beds National Monument at 530-667-8113, 9:00 am– 5:30 pm, or visit the website at www.nps.gov/labe.

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 530-667-8113, email labe_information@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Like us on Facebook; follow us on Instagram and Twitter!