



Friends of Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park

The Friends of Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park
Presents

`Ainahou Skies

Saturday, July 22, 2006
5 - 9 PM

Come to the Park where it is dark, dark, dark!

Bring a picnic dinner and join the Friends inside the Park at the seldom-visited, historic, `Ainahou Ranch for a night when the moon is new (dark) and, weather permitting, the stars will shine their brightest.

Following your self-catered picnic and exploration of this lovely ranch house and grounds (the old Herbert Shipman Estate), our speaker will be

Peter Michaud,

Public Information & Outreach Manager for the Gemini Observatory.

Peter will update us on recent research highlights from Mauna Kea and, if the clouds cooperate, the evening will end with an informal tour of the night sky. Guests are welcome to bring small telescopes or binoculars.

The entrance to `Ainahou is a 20 minute drive inside the Park, from the Park Entrance, part way down Chain of Craters Drive. The `Ainahou access road is a recently-graded dirt road that does not require a four-wheel drive vehicle. `Ainahou Ranch grounds do not have electricity or running water, so bring flashlights, hand wipes and trash bags with you. No alcoholic beverages, please. Rain is always a possibility, so be prepared, though there are sheltered spots for your picnic and the lecture.

Maximum enrollment is 25, so reserve a spot now. Peter's 2003 `Ainahou Skies Program was a sold-out success! Directions to `Ainahou will be provided and signs will be posted at the `Ainahou entrance for this special evening event.

The cost of the program is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Reservations are made by calling the Friends' Office at 985-7373

The office is staffed part-time, so be sure to leave a message,
your call will be returned.

Your reservation is confirmed when we receive a check payable to the

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