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JUNE'S SIZZLIN' NEWS FROM HAWAI'I, THE BIG ISLAND

Hawai'i Island (June 6, 2011) – Memorial Day Weekend has come and gone, and that means one thing: summer is unofficially here! Don't wait for the summer solstice on June 21...let Hawai'i, the Big Island inspire your desire for travel and adventure right now!

ADVENTURES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Refreshing News. Since offering stainless steel reusable water bottles for sale at its Kīlauea Visitors Center (KVC) a year ago, [Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park](#) has prevented about 13,000 plastic water bottles from entering the waste stream. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, or buy one from the KVC bookstore, and fill 'er up at park water stations. The water stations offer some of the best H2O on earth: Hawai'i Island rainwater, which is captured from the clouds, filtered through sand, and delivered by solar power. The thirst-quenching stations are located outside KVC and Jaggar Museum.

Family Golf Savings! Waikoloa Resort offers family golf days, now through Aug. 31, 2011. Families can enjoy nine holes of golf at the **Kings' Course** with tee times starting at 4 p.m. Rates are \$50 per adult, and \$25 per junior golfer (17 & under). Cost includes green fees, shared cart, bottled water and complimentary Nike junior rental clubs. Adult club rentals are available for a \$25 rental fee. Call (808) 886-7888 to make a tee time or visit www.waikoloagolf.com.

Big Island Eco Adventures Expands. BIEA II presents North Kohala's newest zipline and educational adventure. Brave a 200-foot long **suspension bridge**, and **nine exhilarating zipline runs** as you crisscross a tropical ravine, soaring as high as 350 feet above the gulch floor. Zigzag through the wild, natural areas and the fertile fields of Hawai'i's largest organic macadamia nut orchard, while learning about the exciting scientific research carried out in this area today, as well as rich cultural traditions and agriculture of North Kohala through time. Open seven days a week. Call (808) 889-5111 or visit www.bigislandecoventures.com.

Rock On! Hilo's **'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i** announces the return of **"Friday Night Rock Shows"** starting June 17 at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., beginning with the new *Led Zeppelin* show formatted specifically for the full-dome planetarium! Way beyond "HD," the full-dome animation created for *Led Zeppelin* is the highest resolution ever made for a digital dome music show. Also beginning June 17 is a new live 3D show featuring the skies above Hawai'i, shown everyday at 3 p.m. except Monday. Find out more at www.imiloahawaii.org.

New River Walk. World Botanical Gardens, located north of Hilo in Honomū, invites visitors to take a stroll through their beautiful gardens and experience the **new River Walk**. Bring a picnic lunch, and if you're feeling adventurous get on one of their **zipline adventures**. Reservations are recommended for the ziplines. For more information, visit www.wbgi.com or call (888) ZIP-ISLE.

Kona Honu Divers splashes into summer with **Dive Packages** for scuba enthusiasts. Dive four mornings (two-tank dives) and a one-tank manta dive (total 9 tanks) for \$485 or dive four mornings (two-tank dives), a one-tank manta and a one-tank black water dive (total 10 tanks, restrictions apply) for \$600. NITROX certification classes for \$99, plus books. Our divers get **special room rates** when they stay at **Royal Kona Resort**. Prices do not include tax. Call (808) 324-4618 and visit www.konahonudivers.com.

Looking for more to do? Click www.bigisland.org/calendar for detailed information about additional Hawai'i Island happenings throughout 2011, like the **Third Annual Don the Beachcomber Mai Tai Fest!**

Royal Kona Resort presents the **Third Annual Don the Beachcomber Mai Tai Fest** with a **\$10,000 prize** for the World's Best Mai Tai! The festivities start Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and include the Mai Tai Marketplace, Battle of the BBQ, World's Best Mai Tai Contest, and an evening performance by the **Spin Doctors** - oceanfront and under the stars. Concert tickets on sale now at www.groovetickets.com. For Mai Tai Festival information, call (808) 270-9780 or visit www.donsmaitaifest.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa announces summer **"Pick your Perks" incentives for meeting planners**. Book a meeting before Aug. 31 for an event to be held now through Dec. 31, 2011 and "pick your perks" based on total room nights contracted. Among "perk" selections are Triple Meeting Planner Rewards Points, Complimentary One-Hour Welcome Reception, five VIP Upgrades, or free future day meeting including lunch for up to 10. Actualize 500 room nights or more and receive an iPad! Details: (808) 930-4872, lisa.morrill@sheraton.com or visit www.SheratonKeauhou.com.

The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i provides several options for a **romantic tropical engagement** in paradise. A couple is basking in the afterglow of an oceanfront couples massage when a canoe carrying an Orchid Beach Club Ambassador arrives bearing chilled champagne, chocolate-covered strawberries as well as a *pū'olo* (traditional gift bundle) wrapped in *kī* leaves. The soon-to-be bride has no idea that inside the *pū'olo* contains a diamond ring. The canoe quickly departs and allows the soon-to-be groom to propose. Visit www.fairmont.com/orchid to turn your romantic moments into memories.

Four Seasons Resort Hualālai at Historic Ka'ūpūlehu introduces the **adults-only Palm Grove Pool Experience**. Guests of Palm Grove are serviced with hourly poolside pampering, inspired by the elements: coconut water and aloe refresher shots (water), warm lava stone pressure point placement (fire), thermal mud hand and body lotion (earth) and organic aromatherapy-infused oshiburi towels (air.) A swim-up bar and bench seating within the pool ensures prime locations for sampling the resort's signature "adult shave ice" cocktails. For more information and reservations, call (888) 340-5662 or visit www.fourseasons.com/hualalai.

Guests at **Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows** can play **three rounds of golf** and receive a **\$100 gift certificate** valid for golf merchandise from the **Mauna Lani Golf Shop**. Enjoy morning golf with tee times starting at 7 a.m. or take to the greens later in the day for twilight golf, teeing off from 2 p.m. The

championship Francis H. I‘i Brown North and South courses are consistently recognized as Top 10 Green Courses by *Golf* magazine. Call (808) 885-6655 or visit www.maunalani.com.

Get the Family Ready for Summer Travel! Prince Resorts Hawaii is offering a **Two-for-One package** that includes the first room at a discounted rate and the second room...FREE! Rates start at \$399/night at **Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel** and the second room is free for an Oceanview category. Stay at **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel**, a Plumeria Beach Club room is \$700, and the second room is free. Ask about **Kids Eat and Golf Free**. Call (866) PRINCE-6 or visit www.PrinceResortsHawaii.com.

Hale Mahana, a new vacation rental in **Kapoho**, is running a limited-time introductory special. Once Hale Mahana (“House of Rest”) catches on with vacationers, there won’t be any openings at these prices: \$225 a night for a party of two. Swim in your own private ocean-fed pond and luxuriate in the two master suites with pond-view *lānai*. Visit and book online at www.bigislandvacationrentals.com or call (808) 965-0400.

South Kona “Play”shops. Since the early ‘80s, **Dragonfly Ranch: Healing Arts Center in South Kona** has provided an authentic Hawaiian experience for guests in lush, upscale treehouse accommodations, with eco-spa pampering. Now, this unique award-winning B&B is offering **educational “play”shops**. In upcoming months and 2012, offerings include: Communing with Wild Dolphins, Flamenco, Voice Training, Yoga, Hula, Lomilomi Massage School, and much more. For details, call (808) 328-2159 or visit the workshop page at www.dragonflyranch.com.

Aston Hotels & Resorts. With breathtaking scenery, unforgettable signature holes and championship-caliber course designs, many consider Hawai‘i to be a golfer’s heaven. Now, **Aston Hotels & Resorts** makes it easier to find your piece of paradise with their “**Sweet Suite**” package. Includes accommodations at the **Aston Shores at Waikoloa** or the **Aston Waikoloa Colony Villas**, **two rounds of golf** at the Waikoloa Beach Golf Course and a **\$50 Romano’s Macaroni Grill** gift card. Visit www.AstonHotels.com or call (866) 774-2924.

B&B&T! Bougainvillea Bed & Breakfast in Ocean View offers a **new dining package**. Stay seven nights at \$89/night (for two) and receive a \$25 gift certificate to historic Kailua Village’s famous **Tante’s Restaurant**, located across the street from the Kailua Pier and seawall. Ask for the **B&B Dining Package**; offer expires Dec. 5, 2011. For more info, call (800) 688-1763, email peaceful@interpac.net, or visit www.bougainvilleabedandbreakfast.com.

TASTY TIDBITS

Tasty Tidbits. Volcano Winery has released an **Estate White Tea**. The tea is a premium, loose-leaf white tea, harvested from the winery’s tea garden, located at their tasting room, production and vineyard site in Volcano. The winery is also harvesting and producing a black tea that is used in its award-winning tea wine, Infusion. Volcano Winery first planted tea in 2006 and had a substantial first harvest in the fall of 2010. Visit www.volcanowinery.com for more information.

Mountain Thunder Coffee Featured at Hilton Waikoloa Village. Visitors and guests at **Hilton Waikoloa** can now enjoy Mountain Thunder Coffee Plantation’s 100 percent organic Kona Coffee at Orchid Marketplace. Everything from a steaming cup, coffee by the pound, burlap coffee bags, chocolate-covered coffee beans, and T-shirts are available. Mountain Thunder comes in Vienna, French and American roasts, so there’s no need to leave the resort to get your coffee fix. For details, visit www.hiltonwaikoloavillage.com, or call (808) 886-1234.

Special note to media: The Big Island Visitors Bureau (BIVB) recognizes the use of the ‘okina [‘] or glottal stop, one of the eight consonants of the modern Hawaiian language; and the kahakō [ā] or macron (e.g., in place names of Hawai‘i such as Kīlauea). However, BIVB respects the individual use of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

For more information on Hawai‘i Island, please visit <http://media.gohawaii.com/big-island>

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