



“Relive the Plantation Days – 4th Annual Keiki Festival”

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WAIPAHU, Hawaii – Hawaii’s Plantation Village presents “Relive the Plantation Days – Keiki Festival” on **Saturday, October 3**. Gates open at 10 am. Admission and parking are free.

“The annual Keiki Festival is part of our on-going Relive the Plantation Days series,” said Jeffrey Higa, executive director for Hawaii’s Plantation Village. “Children were a very important part of everyday life and, during the festival; we will celebrate aspects of plantation life through the eyes of keiki growing up in those simpler times.”

Throughout the day, adults and keiki can wander throughout the Village, participate in food tastings, enjoy the entertainment and play games. The schedule includes:

11:00 am Keiki hula performances by Kaho‘olina Aloha Halau.
(During the 1950’s children growing up on Ewa Plantation has the opportunity to take weekly hula lessons from kumu hula Ku‘ulei Clark in the Social Hall)

11:30 am Tekniqlingz Crew (hip hop meets traditional Filipino dance)

12:30 pm Portuguese dance by adults and keiki presented by Josephine Carrera (right) Dance Group

1 pm Okinawan Dance and Music by Allison Yanagi

All day

Food samples focusing on keiki desserts of the plantation prepared by volunteers (includes cracker with condensed milk, takuan sushi, sweet potato mochi, Korean soong peong and Filipino palitao)

Balloon artistry by Balloon Monsoon

Keiki plantation games such as Lasso the Steer, Feed the Mongoose, Slingshot, Marble Pachinko, Rubber Band Gun, Korean traditional games and Malasada Throw with prizes

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Arts and Crafts including Origami, Japanese Calligraphy, Keiki ID, Headband craft, Kite-making and Mask Painting

High-rez DIGITAL IMAGES are available upon request.

Hawaii’s Plantation Village “Relive the Plantation Days - Keiki Festival” is supported in part by the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts through appropriations from the Legislature of the State of Hawaii and by the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information please contact the Village at 677-0110 or visit our Website at www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

About HPV

Hawaii’s Plantation Village is a non-profit, living history museum and ethno-botanical garden located on a 50-acre site in the heart of sugar plantation country in Waipahu. Established by the Friends of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park, its mission is to ensure that the struggles, sacrifices, innovations and contributions of Hawaii’s sugar plantation forebears are preserved and acknowledged as the cornerstone of Hawaii’s successful multi-ethnic society.

Hawaii's Plantation Village opened its doors in 1992 and offers docent-led tours through the Village as well as special events and activities. It is located near the old sugar mill in historic Waipahu town, at 94-695 Waipahu Street, Waipahu, HI 96797. For more information please contact the Village at 677-0110 or visit our Website at www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

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