



MAUNA LANI
RESORT

**MAUNA LANI RESORT HOSTS THE 19TH ANNUAL
July 4th TURTLE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

- WHAT:** A Celebration of Turtle Independence Day
- WHEN:** July 4, 2008 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- WHERE:** Mauna Lani Resort, Kohala Coast, Island of Hawaii
- DETAILS:** Since 1989, Mauna Lani Resort has received juvenile *honu* (turtle) from Oahu's Sea Life Park, and has raised them in the saltwater ponds of the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel. The *honu* are cared for until they grow to a size and weight that are deemed appropriate for release into the wild. This release occurs every **July 4th, Turtle Independence Day**, at the ocean's edge fronting the hotel.

Mauna Lani Resort will be hosting a morning of educational celebration and family fun. Sea Life Park will be present to raise awareness and help educate the public about the Hawaiian green sea turtle. Families are invited to join the celebration.

- Live entertainment
- Games, balloon animals, canoe rides for the *keiki* (children)
- Climbing wall
- Educational displays about green sea turtles
- Hawaiian hula and chant
- Picnic fare available for purchase

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For room reservations, contact Mauna Lani Resort at 808-885-6622, 800-367-2323 or visit www.maunalani.com.

Sea Life Park Hawaii is located in East Oahu, about a 30-minute drive from Waikiki. This world-famous marine attraction offers a variety of shows, exhibits and educational programs for all ages. For more information, call 808-259-7933 or visit www.sealifeparkhawaii.com.

Mauna Lani Resort sits oceanfront on the finest stretch of shoreline on the Kohala Coast of the Big Island of Hawai'i. Located 23 miles north of the Kona International Airport, this tropical resort features the luxurious Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Mauna Lani Spa and the Francis H. I'i Brown North & South Golf Courses. For room reservations call 800-367-2323 or visit www.maunalani.com.

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