



“2016 San Dimas Ho’olaule’a” San Dimas Canyon Nature Center Annual Fundraiser for the Animals

How would you like to have some fun, see and help animals *and* enjoy first class Hawaiian music and dancing? If you answered, “Yes I would!” have we got the event for you!

On **Saturday, June 11th and Sunday, June 12th from 10am to 6pm**, the San Dimas Canyon Nature Center Associates and Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation are partnering together to hold their annual fund raiser to help raise money to feed and care for the Nature Center’s animal residents and to support nature and educational programs. This year’s event is called the “2016 San Dimas Ho’olaule’a”.

What is a Ho’olaule’a, you ask? It’s a Polynesian festival where different music groups and dance troupes (called halaus) perform continuously for your enjoyment. This event may be a bit different than most Ho’olaule’as, as you also get the opportunity to have a close-up view of some amazing creatures, most from the local area, through the help of such organizations as:

- Wild Wings - They are a raptor and bird rescue/rehabilitation organization. They will be joining with some of their regal feathered friends like hawks and owls
- Southwest Herpetology – They typically bring snakes and lizards, including their six foot monitor lizard that gets exercised by walking it on a leash! Don’t miss this!
- San Dimas Canyon Nature Center (SDCNC) – At this booth, you might see a tortoise, tarantula or snake (oh, my!) This booth will be manned mostly by SDCNC Junior Naturalists, who have participated in the SDCNC sponsored Junior Naturalist Program. Through this program, these young people learn about the local plants, as well as the care, natural habitat and behaviors of the resident animals, while “earning” their position to handle and present these creatures to help educate the public.

Did I mention the handcraft booths? Here’s a chance for your young ones (and the young at heart adult!) to explore their creative side by decorating a pot (and planting something in it!), creating a beaded bracelet, painting a wooden snake, or personalizing a wooden fan. You can also decorate a hiking stick, and then take it on a nature hike led by a knowledgeable naturalist. Our reasonably priced handcrafts and nature hikes will cost you “wampum”, which can be purchased at the Information Booth for a nominal amount.

We are hopeful that some other organizations, including more County and State agencies, will also be joining the event to help heighten awareness about forestry, fires, the environment, safety, etc. You may even see Smokey the Bear!

Shop at the various vendors whose booths will be surrounding the stage viewing area. They really make this event possible. Purchase some delicious Hawaiian food from one

of the food vendors, buy a soft drink at the Drink Booth, put on your hat and sunscreen, plop down on your blanket (no tents, please) and feast your taste buds, eyes and ears for two days of fun!

This music-filled event is being held at the ***San Dimas Canyon Park*** on the corner of San Dimas Canyon and Sycamore Canyon Roads in San Dimas.

- *Admission and parking are free.*
- Call the Nature Center at **909-599-7512** for more information or visit the Center Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 4:30pm at 1628 North Sycamore Canyon Road, San Dimas, 91773. *(Due to budget cuts, County parks are closed on Mondays, except most holidays that fall on Mondays).*

We invite you to attend the “San Dimas Ho’olaule’a” on June 11th^{and} 12th and support a great cause!!! Thank you!