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‘Imiloa’s Summer Extended Friday Hours Fades

Hilo, Hawai‘i – ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center reminds the community that the Center returned to regular operational hours on Fridays, from 9am to 4pm. August 27 was the last night of the Friday night extended operational hours, ending a summer run of evening planetarium shows and exhibit hall experiences.

“We still have great evening opportunities like the *3D Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Milky Way* on Thursday nights, the third Saturday of the month evening program *Maunakea Skies*, and the quarterly *Imiloa After Dark* series.” States Jeff Harman, marketing manager.

The Sky Garden Restaurant evening hours are Thursday to Sunday, 5 pm to 8:30 pm. Featuring Chinese family-style dinners and a Prime Rib buffet on Friday nights.

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i weaves today’s newest astronomy findings and Hawai‘i’s cultural heritage into a compelling story of star exploration. The Center features more than 100 exhibits including an interactive meteor display, a replica of the sacred Maunakea mountain with the night sky overhead, and several rotating planetarium shows within its 12,000-square-foot exhibit hall. It is one of the first discovery centers in Hawai‘i to incorporate both Hawaiian and English languages to enhance the cultural and learning experience. Located on nine acres of lush ethno-botanical gardens in Hilo on Hawai‘i’s Big Island, the Center’s 40,000-square-foot facility opened to the public in February 2006. Visitors can enjoy the planetarium, exhibit halls, learning center, restaurant and museum store. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays (closed Mondays). For more information, visit the Web site at www.imiloahawaii.org or call (808) 969-9700.



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