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L.A. Clippers to Return to Hawai'i for Training Camp to Start 2018-2019 Season

Clippers and Hawai'i Tourism Authority to Celebrate Announcement at Hawai'i Night at Clippers Game Tonight

HONOLULU – The L.A. Clippers and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) today announced that the Clippers will return to Hawai'i for training camp to begin preparations for the 2018-2019 season. The Clippers held their first-ever training camp in the Aloha State last preseason.

The Clippers will travel to Honolulu in late September and hold training camp at the University of Hawai'i. Details and dates for training camp and other events will be announced at a later date.

"The whole Clippers organization, from our players to our staff and our fans, really enjoyed our time in Hawai'i last preseason and we look forward to returning again next year," Clippers President of Business Operations Gillian Zucker said. "With the help of our partners at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, we are excited to give back to the local community, showcase the beauty of the islands and experience the true aloha spirit."

The team spent 10 days on the islands last preseason, holding numerous community and fan events, including opening a computer lab at R.L. Stevenson Middle School in Honolulu and holding a Fan Fest where hundreds of fans interacted with the team through games and autograph sessions while enjoying local food and activities.

"This marketing partnership is ideal for both of our futures," Leslie Dance, HTA Vice President of Marketing and Product Development said. "The Clippers are one of the NBA's hottest teams with a growing fan base in Hawai'i and across the Pacific, and the Hawaiian Islands is a favorite destination for travelers from Southern California."

HTA's comprehensive official marketing partnership with the Clippers began in December of 2016 and continues through the 2018-19 season, combining broadcast and online exposure with in-game promotions.

The partnership's Los Angeles activations are highlighted by tonight's Hawai'i Night, which features performances by two Hawai'i ukulele virtuoso performers and giveaways of a fresh flower lei or an "Aloha" Clippers hat to the first 10,000 Clippers fans in attendance. There will also be in-game contests to give away a free trip to Hawai'i and a surfboard. Residents in Southern California can also enter a contest online at DreamHawaiiSweeps.com to win one of four trips to the island of O'ahu.

Daniel Ho, a six-time Grammy Award winner, will perform the National Anthem at Hawai'i Night tonight, joined by Hālau Hula Keali'i o Nālani under the direction of Kumu Hula Keali'i Ceballos.

Taimane Gardner, whose artistry on the ukulele ranges from rock and flamenco to classical, will be the featured halftime performer.

Also entertaining the crowd with hula during the game will be Kekaiulu Hula Studio and Hāloa Band.

About the L.A. Clippers

Led by Chairman Steve Ballmer, the L.A. Clippers in 2017-18 are competing in the franchise's 49th season and 25th in Los Angeles. They are one of only two teams in the National Basketball Association (NBA) to have won 50+ games in each of the past five completed seasons and have made the postseason for the past six seasons. The Clippers are committed to the city of Los Angeles and through the L.A. Clippers Foundation, make a positive difference for children in L.A. on a daily basis. The Clippers pride themselves on being a fan-first, diverse, tech-driven franchise that is focused on winning and giving fans the best game entertainment experience possible. Visit the Clippers online at www.clippers.com or follow them on social media @LAClippers.

About the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](http://www.hawaii-tourism-authority.org) is responsible for strategically managing the State of Hawai'i's marketing initiatives to support tourism. HTA's goal is to optimize tourism's benefits for Hawai'i, while being attentive to the interests of travelers, the community and visitor industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure the sustainability of tourism's success.

For more information about HTA, please visit www.hawaii-tourism-authority.org. Follow updates about HTA on Facebook, Twitter (@HawaiiHTA) and its YouTube Channel.

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