

## ACCESS ADVENTURE/Anywhere Wild! April 2008 Update

Dear Friends,

The horses, crew and carriages of Access Adventure are ready for another busy year. Last year was an overwhelming success. We received funding from the Syar Foundation to rebuild the fencing for the pastures and paddocks at Rush Ranch. A grant from Bay Area Barns and Trails Trust will help fund additional equestrian equipment. Our goal of outreach to disabled, at-risk, and underserved youth is supported by the Stewardship Council. We offer access into nature and the benefits of visiting and learning about the wilderness and preserved open spaces, and are developing an environmental education program.

Access Adventure began in July 2005 with a twenty year old wheelchair cart, big dreams and the high energy of an enthusiastic band of volunteers. The program reached a milestone in 2007 when four beautiful horses were donated to our program, along with a used truck and trailer. In a short time, we have built an organization that is capturing the imagination of people across the country. As word spreads about the unique and innovative way we are connecting people with disabilities with the beauty of the natural world, the demand for our services and special events is soaring.

Attached is our 2008 Calendar of Special Events. You are invited to these events! Coming up in April is Earthday/Birthday at the John Muir National Historic Site on **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, is the Rush Ranch Open House and Horse Fair. Our major fundraiser, "Celebrate Adventure, The Walk with Rock," **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, needs your help, as a participant, sponsor or volunteer. Email us at [access-adventure.org](http://access-adventure.org) or call 707-432-0152. For more information on Access Adventure please visit our website [www.access-adventure.org](http://www.access-adventure.org). Details on the events are posted on the Special Events Calendar. Two videos, produced by volunteer Johnnie Burrell, have been posted on YouTube.com. In the search box type "accessadventure".

Join us! Volunteer! Book an event or presentation with your group. We look forward to seeing you at Rush Ranch, at our events, or Anywhere Wild! trips.

Michael Muir and the Volunteers of Access Adventure