

ACCESS ADVENTURE/Anywhere Wild! December Update

December 13, 2008

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the volunteers of Access Adventure, I am sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season. We are looking forward to another great year connecting people with disabilities to the healing power of nature. Your support is vital to our success. We cannot do this important work without you.

Access Adventure began in July of 2005 with a twenty year old wheelchair accessible cart from Kentucky and the high energy of a devoted team of volunteers determined to enrich the lives of people living with the challenges of disability. Since that time our program has grown to serve hundreds of people of all ages. We are collaborating with partners throughout California to meet the growing demand for the unique services that we provide. In addition to the community of people challenged by disability, our youth outreach is growing to include 4-H, Future Farmers of America, at-risk, disadvantaged and inner-city youth. Connecting young people to nature, as well as giving them opportunities to contribute meaningful community service, benefits everyone.

The Syar Foundation, Bank of America, Simpson Percherons, the Stewardship Council and Bay Area Barns and Trails Trust have all come on board to support Access Adventure. We are now maintaining our own stable of work horses at our Rush Ranch headquarters, and completed the first phase of an exciting new equestrian center. The grants that fund these projects, our steadfast volunteers, and the support of people like you make the work of Access Adventure possible.

Please plan on joining us in 2009 for an action packed season. Our first foals from our new breeding program are arriving soon. Come see the exciting stallion Apollo, from Royal Knight Friesians. We have regular weekly events at our Solano Land Trust properties, with the Muir Heritage Land Trust, and several multi-day horsedrawn treks to remote scenic locations throughout California. Plan on joining us for our annual Open House, Rush Ranch Days, April 25 and to Celebrate Adventure!, the Walk with Rock, October 10th. Check out www.access-adventure.org for a complete calendar of Special Events.

We need your help. Get involved as a volunteer and participate in our exciting, life-changing, inspirational events. Please consider a generous donation to fund our vital work with a check made payable to the Solano Land Trust/Access Adventure. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, IRS # 94-3015363, your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Thank you for helping us help others.

Michael Muir, Director