

ACCESS ADVENTURE/Anywhere Wild! June 2008 Update

Dear Friends,

Thank you for responding to our Monthly Updates by sending supportive emails and donations. Access Adventure provides services to people with mobility challenges and underserved youth without charge, so donations and grants are the fuel to keep our carriages moving. As a “young” organization – whatever your skill or interest, we need you! Information regarding volunteering and donations are attached.

A commitment Access Adventure takes very seriously is our support of other equestrian events. **June 7th was Mowing & Hay Baling Playday**, a benefit for Duane Stueve, who was seriously injured in an accident, and for the Historical Sonora Pass Wagon Train. It was held at Lloyd Stueve’s Certified Dairy in Oakdale. All activities, pasture mowing, hay raking, spreading manure and harrowing were horse-mule drawn. Teamsters and their horses and mules put on a spectacular show of historical horse farming.

Youth Day on June 14th was a celebration of the accomplishments of our 4-H Draft Horse Project, Golden Hills students and Youth Interns. They demonstrated their grooming, harnessing and carriage driving skills to families and friends. Fanny, the youngest horse in our program, and still being trained to ride and drive, was on display and showed off the progress she has made under the skilled hands of William and Erin, two of our youth interns. Josh, who has ridden with us in 2006 and 2007 when we visited Humboldt County, was a special guest. In spite of the challenges of his disabilities, Josh plans to breed big horses and take Michael’s job some day. We were moved by the speeches the kids gave about their experiences and their commitment to Access Adventure; they are wonderful ambassadors and we congratulate them all! A quick lunch was followed by four-in-hand drives with Reba, Ruby and Stuart Schroeder’s (www.stonehorse.biz) mares, Betsy and Bonnie, hitched to the trolley. Perfect ending for a great day! The 4-H and Golden Hills programs are officially completed until school starts in the fall, but we will continue to offer weekly opportunities for working and training throughout the summer.

“On the Road Again”...**Access Adventure/Anywhere Wild! returns to the Humbug Valley in Plumas County, June 25-29.** Horses, volunteers and riders are eagerly looking forward to our visit to the valley. It is a unique opportunity to enjoy the magnificent scenery at a pace that allows us to really see, in the way only slower modes of transportation provide. On Saturday local community members will join us in Chester for a drive following the Feather River.

July 23-27 we’re off to Humboldt County. Planning is underway and information will be posted on our website soon, but for now take a look at the photo gallery from last year. This is a trip not to be missed and you are invited to join us.

Important Calendar Change. “Celebrate Adventure”, The Walk with Rock has been moved to September 27th, and will be held at Lynch Canyon instead of Rush Ranch. Our website Calendar of Special Events will be updated with the revised forms once details are confirmed.

We invite you to book an event at the Rush Ranch or a presentation to your group. Email us at info@access-adventure.org, or call 707-432-0152. Our current calendar can be viewed on our website www.access-adventure.org.

Michael Muir and the Volunteers of Access Adventure