

## **ACCESS ADVENTURE/Anywhere Wild! May 2008 Update**

Dear Friends,

The response to last month's email Update was so positive we will continue keeping in touch with our supporters with these short messages. If you wish to be removed from our list, please let us know.

Were we "wild" at the Wildflower Wingding at Mission San Antonio de Padua? Wildly successful – a definite yes! The wildflower display was incredibly beautiful, especially in the Los Padres Forest. Stuart Schroeder ([www.stonehorse.biz](http://www.stonehorse.biz)) and his team of young Percheron mares, Betsy and Bonnie, joined us as a four-in-hand with our mares Ruby and Reba. David Pinkham's mules Ken and Sam were a hit with the riders at the Mission and riders lined up to board the carriages. More than 800 people attended the first Mission Days event. We hope to join them next year.

Rock was the star of the Earthday/Birthday at the John Muir Historic Site. He always attracts attention wherever he goes. He is definitely hard to miss and his gentle nature shines! Thank you to Danielle and Brett Adams of Simpson Percherons ([www.simpsonpercherons.com](http://www.simpsonpercherons.com)) for making it possible for Rock to attend some of Access Adventure's Special Events. Rock is the headliner for our fundraiser, "Celebrate Adventure", the Walk with Rock", **Saturday, September 27, 2008**

Rush Ranch Days and the Horse Fair on April 26 was attended by more than 1,000 visitors. Draft horses were showcased pulling special carriages, including Jeff Shinn's stunning black six-up on a stagecoach, Lloyd Stueve's four Percherons on the Thornlea trolley, with Belgians, a Clydesdale and a Shire demonstrating field work. The Modoc Mules joined us again and Stonewall Sporthorses, owned by Char Banach, gave a special Pas de Deux performance in our arena. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this day special.

Coming up **Saturday, June 14** is the Access Adventure Youth Day. The event will consist of our 4-H Club, Golden Hills students and Access Adventure youth interns demonstrating what they have learned this past year. We extend the invitation for spectators, friends and families of participants. Details will be posted on our website prior to the event. Please spread the word.

Pictures from the Wildflower Wingding (and Four-in-Hand Frolic), and Horse Fair will be posted on our website [www.access-adventure.org](http://www.access-adventure.org). Special Events Calendar. Check there for details on the Youth Day and the Humbug Hoedown in Plumas County, **June 25-29**.

Join us! Book an event or presentation with your group. We look forward to seeing you at Rush Ranch, at our events, or Anywhere Wild! trips. If you know of people who would benefit from our services, please forward or print the attached brochure.

Michael Muir and the Volunteers of Access Adventure