

ACCESS ADVENTURE/Anywhere Wild! Rolling in January 2009

Dear Friends,

It is a new year with promises of challenges, rewards and hopefully no disappointments! Your donations and support are greatly appreciated and are instrumental to the success of our mission to provide people with mobility challenges access to the healing powers of nature.

We are proud to announce that January 1, Access Adventure Sonoma formally joined the Access Adventure family. This new program will be hosted by the Laguna de Santa Rosa www.lagunadesantarosa.org. Are you interested in setting up an Access Adventure program in your area? Please contact us for information at info@access-adventure.org, or 707-432-0152.

If you are new to our community of supporters and wish to catch up on the email updates sent last year please visit our website www.access-adventure.org and go to the News and Information page. You will also find a link to the Newsletters sent out in 2006. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future updates.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Non-profit organizations are scrambling for funds and many foundations are suspending grants until the economic crisis is resolved. Access Adventure will continue asking supporters for donations and writing grant applications in the hope that we will have success in obtaining the funding we need to support the program, but have some creative plans to share with you.

In October we announced the arrival of Apollo, and our partnership with Royal Knight Friesians to campaign and breed their beautiful stallion. Apollo will be spending two months at DG Bar Ranch for additional dressage training with renowned trainer Willie Arts in preparation for competitions during his stay with Access Adventure. He will be siring Stonewall Sporthorses with sale proceeds from foals and outside breedings to benefit the program. Al Medvitz and Jeanne McCormack, owners of McCormack Sheep and Grain, have invited our mares to pasture at their ranch in Rio Vista. Watch for announcements of the first foals, due in April!

HOMETOWN HERO AWARD

Michael was honored by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation as a Local Hero for the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative. A ceremony was held on November 19, 2008 at the Rotunda Building in Oakland. Bank of America California President, Janet Lamkin, Andrew Plepler, President, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, and Emily Shanks, President, East Bay Bank of America welcomed the Student Leader, Local Heroes and Neighborhood Builders award recipients. Local Heroes were given the opportunity to direct a \$5000 grant from the Charitable Foundation to a local charity, and Michael designated Access Adventure, which he founded in 2005. Attending the ceremony were Michael's parents, Gladys and Ross Hanna, of Dixon, and Access Adventure volunteers and supporters.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Donate your time – be a Volunteer! ACCESS ADVENTURE is staffed entirely by volunteers. We seek people with a variety of useful organizational skills, equestrian community members and trades people for building projects to help provide wilderness and open space access to people with disabilities. The people of Access Adventure are a very diverse group. We

are united by a love of nature, affection for horses and a commitment to enrich the lives of people with disabilities. We only have one requirement: a spirit of adventure and a desire to have fun! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please complete the attached form and mail it to Access Adventure, PO Box 2852, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Do you have experience with any of the following, or know someone you could recruit to join us, as:

Artist	Groups for construction projects
Bookkeeper	Handyman
Carpenter	Publicist
Clerical Support	Truck driver to haul feed, carriages and horses
Development Director	Vehicle Maintenance
Electrician	Writer: magazine articles, press releases,
Equine caregiver	Environmental Education materials
Event Planner	Youth Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinator	Volunteers need not be local –
Grant Writer	telecommuting is a viable option!

SMUGMUG

Sharing the fun and rewarding experiences we have is one of Access Adventure's goals. We have chosen SmugMug, an online photo album site, as one way of accomplishing this. Unlike other sites, SmugMug does not require you to sign up or in – just click and enjoy. Photographs of our events in 2006, 2007 and 2008 are now available and we invite you to browse our albums at <http://challenginglimits.smugmug.com/>. As we move into 2009 we will add more albums for you to view.

SAVE THE DATES

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 refer them to our website, email info@access-adventure.org, or call 707-432-0152. The 2009 Special Events calendar will be posted on our website in the near future. For now, please save the dates:

Wildflower Wingding, Monterey County, April 1-5
Corning Wagontrain, April 8-12
John Muir Earthday/Birthday, April 18
Rush Ranch Days/Horse Fair, April 25
Riding the Rails, Lassen County, June 17-21
Humboldt County, TBA
Walk with Rock, October 10

Michael Muir and the Volunteers of Access Adventure

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