

2010 Deer Hollow Farm Tours March 20



The first 2010 Farm Tour drew 473 people from 10am-1pm on the first day of Spring. Friends of Deer Hollow Farm raised a record \$2,641 from ticket and merchandise sales.



Many Farm volunteers donated hundreds of hours for the tour. Two more tours are planned on April 17 and May 15.



The Friends booth sold \$646 worth of Farm and Preserve-related items such as laminated plant and animal identification cards, photo greeting cards, birdhouses, and the Friends Grant History booklet.



Families enjoyed the chance to be in the pens with the animals. The pregnant goats will deliver their kids in time for the next Farm Tour on April 17.



The Nature Center with its Touch Table is always a big hit with the kids.





A new process for registration eased lines. We learned that people heard about our tours from newspaper articles, *Bay Area Parent*, flyers and our online calendars entries.



Hundreds of parents braved the crowded parking lots and the one-mile walk into the Farm showing just how much these tours mean to their families. Fees were \$5 each with kids <2 free. Attendance: 250 adults, 149 children +2 years, and 72 under 2 years.



Several groups made reservations in advance.



Trained docents led the tours in small groups so there was plenty of time for questions and learning about the animals.





Adults liked touching the animals as much as the kids.



A docent leads a tour group into the Farm.



With the new cow milking stand and walkway, people could get close to the cows, the most popular Farm animals.



Up close and personal with a rabbit.



Here's Luna and her calves with her barn in the background. Nonprofit Friends of Deer Hollow Farm donors paid for the barn, which was painted by volunteers.



Two of seven piglets resting between romps.



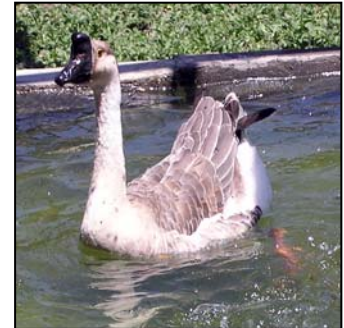
Getting close to a goat... and the ducks and geese.



Luna's new milking machine was paid for by a grant to Friends from the California Milk Advisory Board. When the milking stand is completed in the next month, visitors and students will be able to easily observe and learn about the milking process.



More than 250 people signed petitions asking their city governments to help fund the Farm so it can stay open.



5,000 kids come from 44 schools to Deer Hollow Farm field trips annually to learn about the source of their food, California history, and the interdependence of all life. This exciting outdoor classroom brings their lessons to life. Sustainable food production, the importance of protecting the land, and respect for all life are key concepts they learn.

