

You're invited to join our special Farm Tour to promote local agriculture and conservation

This Saturday -- Blackberries, Apricots, Olives, Goats and More!

It's harvest time in Contra Costa County! To celebrate our agricultural bounty, I want to invite you to participate in a unique farm tour this Saturday.

Join me as we visit two working farms in Brentwood and Alhambra Valley. We'll enjoy a free picnic lunch; pick blackberries, sample local olive oil and more. Great for kids! Visiting our local farms helps us connect with our food. This bus tour was organized in conjunction with Richmond Farm 2 Table, a membership program bringing boxes of fresh, locally-grown produce to West County residents. Paying subscribers help subsidize produce for low-income families.

(For information on how to join, call the Richmond Community Foundation at 510-234-1200 or Luz Gomez in my office at 510-374-3231.)

*A limited number of seats are available for the general public, and reservations are required. **Call now!***

When: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Time: 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bus departs at 10 a.m. SHARP!

Where: Nystrom Elementary School
230 Harbour Way South
(11th Street entrance off Florida Avenue)

Reservations: Lucretia Bobo, Richmond Community Foundation,
510-234-1200 or lbobo@richmondchildren.org

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Hope you can join me.

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Saturday, May 22, 2010
9:45 – 3:00 PM

FREE!



Come see where your food comes from!

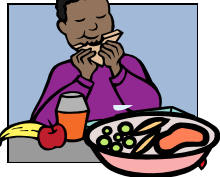
Meet your Friendly Local Farmer!

VISIT TWO WORKING FARMS



Apricots, Plums, Berries and Veggies at Dwelley Farm!

- Pick a blackberry off the vine; guided walk in the apricot orchard.
- Get up close and personal with a harvesting tractor
- Learn what work it takes to put food on your table
- See your future tomatoes, peppers, squash growing in the field
- Learn about the life of a working fruit tree

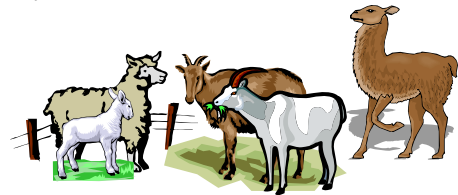


Free catered lunch at the farm



Grapes, Olives, Herbs, & Farm Animals at Alhambra Valley Farm

- Meet the farm animals: sheep, goats, cows, llamas and emus!
- Tour the vineyard and olive groves
- Sample some olives and herbs
- Tour the winery
- Learn how farmers take care of their land to keep it productive



Please RSVP to Lucretia Bobo at 510-234-1200 or lbobo@richmondchildren.org

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