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GETTING THINGS DONE...

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

April 25, 1995

Where: Our Ranch San Juan, Inc.
Browning Ranch
333 Browning Parkway
Farmington, New Mexico

When: Tuesday, April 25, 1995
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Project Coordinators: Shantel Farnsworth
AmeriCorps
RECD
504 North Main
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Erick Aune
AmeriCorps
NRCS
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The Four Corners AmeriCorps Rural Development Team showed true AmeriCorps spirit for National Day of Service. AmeriCorps Members, Shantel Farnsworth and Erick Aune of Aztec, New Mexico, coordinated a large scale service project for their community. The day was a success, with 83 participants and 23 sponsors involved in the activities and an estimated value of \$ 10,000.00 for the days services.

The project benefited Our Ranch San Juan, Inc., an organization directed in helping disadvantaged and at-risk youth by interaction with horses and other animals. Our Ranch San Juan, Inc. began as a vision by Bob Browning, who holds the philosophy that through horses and other animals people can find their roots, solve social problems and establish community bonds. Through horsemanship skills, Browning hopes to provide an opportunity for disadvantaged youth to develop positive relationships with the animals. Eventually Our Ranch will provide youth employment, family recreation, retiree activities, a petting zoo, a community garden and livestock production.

Preparation for National Day of Service began long before April 25, 1995. In March, AmeriCorps Members began planning the activities, reaching sponsors, recruiting volunteers and informing the community about the upcoming event. With the support of the community, AmeriCorps Members were able to complete five projects in one day of service and helped the organizers of Our Ranch San Juan, Inc. get a well deserved push toward success.

National Day of Service began with an organizational

meeting for AmeriCorps Members and Site Leaders. This meeting coordinated all efforts for the day by determining how many volunteers and what kind of supplies were needed for each site and what the schedule for the day would entail. When the volunteers began to arrive they were delegated a project site and given instruction on what their duties were.

Project # 1 was the laying of an irrigation pipe line. AmeriCorps Members, DWI Treatment Center Inmates and volunteers had to clean out and prepare a trench, lay and connect over 300 feet of pipe, shoot the pipe line to ensure flow and drainage of the water and backfill the trench by hand. All the volunteers worked extremely hard and finished the project by 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. The pipe line will be used to irrigate the petting zoo, a wind break and the community garden.

Project # 2 was the painting of 2 picnic tables, a picnic shelter and the entrance gateway to the ranch. All of the supplies for the painting project were donated by local businesses. A thirteen year old boy lead AmeriCorps members in the activities. Cory, whose father donated an airless painting machine, was able to take charge of the project and did a wonderful job. The painting project entailed preparing the entire site for painting by sanding and scraping off old paint and debris. Then Cory worked wonders with his airless paint sprayer and completed the project in half the time it would have taken if volunteers would have had to do the painting by hand. The picnic area is located by a pond and will provide a beautiful setting for families to spend quality time together.

Project # 3 was a general beautification of the ranch. Members and a group of 12 year old students from Nenahnezud Boarding School picked up trash, trimmed and hauled off dead tree limbs and picked thousands of weeds. This project lasted all day but was well worth the volunteers time. With their efforts the ranch was rid of 25 bags of trash, trimmed 4 trees and removed weeds from

the picnic site and surrounding areas.

Project # 4 was the plan and design of a petting zoo. AmeriCorps Member Todd Tucker used his landscape architectural skills to design a petting zoo for the ranch. When complete, the petting zoo will provide hours of entertainment for families visiting the ranch.

Project # 5 was the construction of a public bathroom. A local contractor donated his crew to do the construction and all of the supplies were donated by local lumber companies. This was the most important contribution by the community because no public facility can be without a bathroom. Although the bathroom is not yet operable because it is lacking a septic system, it gave the organizers of Our Ranch San Juan, Inc. a tremendous head start. The estimated donation of this project is \$ 5,000.00.

Other events of the day included a live radio broadcast from a local radio station. The radio station agreed to this \$ 1,000.00 donation because they believe that national service is important and would like to continue their participation and grow with National Day of Service in the years to come. The Our Ranch San Juan, Inc. and AmeriCorps Members also gave tours to all community members who came to visit the ranch. On the tours, visitors were able to see the facility, be educated at the Emu display, play with animals at a temporary petting zoo, ride a long horn steer and of course volunteer!

With all the hard work that the AmeriCorps Members and volunteers did they still managed to enjoy themselves. After the projects for the day were complete a few Members elected to take advantage of the services of Our Ranch San Juan, Inc. and rode horses and the long horned steer.

Without the support AmeriCorps Members received from the community the day would not have been a success. Not

only did local businesses donate all the necessary supplies, they also donated food and drinks for everyone who participated. Volunteers were well nourished with doughnuts, pizza, fruit, candy and drinks. The media also did not let the AmeriCorps effort go unnoticed. Members were able to participate in two radio talk shows and three television news broadcasts.

The accomplishments of National Day of Service at Our Ranch San Juan, Inc. truly shows the spirit of AmeriCorps. The day was a great success and The Four Corners AmeriCorps Rural Development Team is honored to be able to help our communities help themselves.

National Day of Service

Participant List

Four Corners AmeriCorps

Shantel Farnsworth, RECD Aztec, New Mexico
Erick Aune, NRCS Aztec, New Mexico
Ana Gomes, NRCS Aztec, New Mexico
Laura Horochowski, NRCS Aztec, New Mexico
Carla Garrison, USFS Mancos, Colorado
Ollie Powers, San Juan RC & D Durango, Colorado
Agnes Suazo, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Durango, Colorado
Tim Richard, USFS Durango, Colorado
Jason DeHerrera, RECD Bernalillo, New Mexico
Todd Tucker, USFS Durango, Colorado
Shannon Manfredi, Region 9 EDD Durango, Colorado
Amy Callard, Region 9 EDD Durango, Colorado
Dale White, BIA Ute Mtn, Ute Agency Towaoc, Colorado

Navajo Nation AmeriCorps

Shelly Yazziee, Shiprock, New Mexico
Codey Morgan, Shiprock, New Mexico
Carla Bulletts, Shiprock, New Mexico
Cornelia Nez, Shiprock, New Mexico
Pedro Tom, Shiprock, New Mexico
Andy Stauffer, Shiprock, New Mexico
Aluim Peshlakai, Shiprock, New Mexico

Our Ranch San Juan, Inc.

Bob Browning
John Yokie
John Cater
Bellamie Mason

Ralph Mason
Yvette Jonsson
Susan LaBarge
Pam Iraci

San Juan College

Nancy Pate, SJC Volunteer Center
Bretton Cartwright
Melanie Lewis
Betty Betah
Gary Lee
Harold Pine

Vista Volunteers

Nancy Larson
Wilene
Marcus

Nenahnezud Boarding School

Lori Stefanon, Teacher
Jackie Stefanon, Teacher
Pruda Trujillo, Teacher
Students:
Joseph Allen
Erwin Arviso
Lindsey Badoni
Ryan Begay
Clara Benally
Rayburn Burke
Malcolm Charley
Aaron Chee
Leatrice Claw
Kurt Daukei
Cristalyn Denetclaw
Gilbert Harvey
Davina Joe

Orlando John
Johnathon Josea
Ella Sims
Katara Sylvester
Malcolm Thompson
Corena Upshaw
Nathaniel Yazzie
Wilhena Jim
Marcus Jackson
Cornelia Nez
Dietrich Daukei
Jackie Sandoval

City of Farmington DWI Treatment Center

Donald Harris
Joseph Jose
Leroy Atcitty
Harold Yazzie
Donald Chee

Community Members

Ray Hood, SMR Emu
Sandra Hood, SMR Emu
Susan Mc Farland
Cory Boehue
Jerry Alexander, Rocky Mountain Inspection
Shelli Cravens
Jackie Tixton
Michael Nix
Eldon DeHerrera
Jim Jackson
Charisse Kaplan
Tony Wootten, A U Rent It
Laurie Stefanon

National Day of Service

Sponsor List

Farmington Clean and Beautiful

Sam's Club

Little Caesar's Pizza

Y & S Candies

Garden Fresh Fruit Market

AC Houston Lumber Company

Farmington Hardware and Lumber

Amoco Production Company

Bond Paint Company

Wellborn Paint

All Paint Supply Company

KRWN Radio

Farnsworth Enterprises, Inc.

Waste Management of Four Corners

Serrano's Portable Toilets

Rocky Mountain Inspection

Construction Supply

Sherwin-Williams Company

Spudnuts

San Juan College Maintenance Crew

A U Rent It

U S Airweld

Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

APRIL 25, 1995

AmeriCorps members and The San Juan College Volunteer Center invite all members of the community to join us at Our Ranch San Juan Inc. in Farmington, Tuesday April 25th for a day of volunteer service.

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When: 8:30AM-6:00PM, Tuesday April 25th

Where: Browning Ranch at 333 Browning Parkway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

For more information contact
AmeriCorps members, Erick Aune at (505) 334-1482
or Shantel Farnsworth at (505) 334-9438.

Please join us for an opportunity to share your community spirit helping Our Ranch help our children and having a fun time doing so.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:
National Day of Service!**

**Contact: 334-9438 or
334-1482**

To be aired now through April 25th

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Who: AmeriCorps members, Shantel Farnsworth, (505) 334-9438 or Erick Aune, (505) 334-1482.

Join us at **Our Ranch in Farmington, Tuesday April 25th**, for a day of community service. Our Ranch, developed by Bob Browning serves to help at risk youth establish relationships between themselves and the animals at the Ranch. Our Ranch will be dedicated to providing horsemanship skill while helping youth find their roots, solve social problems and establish community bonds.

A day at the Ranch will consist of sharing hands on projects with all members of the community including state and local public officials, educators, local businesses, community organizations and you. Lunch will be provided for volunteers as well as educational tours of the Ranch and its facilities.

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

APRIL 25, 1995

OUR RANCH

BROWNING RANCH

333 BROWNING PARKWAY

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87410

7:45 A.M.	COORDINATORS AND SITE SUPERVISORS MEETING
	PREPARE FOR VOLUNTEERS
8:30 A.M.	VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE
	BREAK INTO GROUPS FOR SITE PROJECTS
8:45 A.M.	INSTRUCTION ON PROJECT SITE
9:00 A.M.	BEGIN WORK
10:30 A.M.	BREAK
10:45 A.M.	RETURN TO WORK
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
1:00 P.M.	RETURN TO WORK
3:00 P.M.	BREAK
3:15 P.M.	RETURN TO WORK
5:00 P.M.	BREAK/WRAP UP
	ENTERTAINMENT
6:00 P.M.	END OF DAY

PROJECT # 1

WATER LINE

**Site Supervisor: Jerry Alexander
Rocky Mountain Inspection**

Crew: 10 Volunteers

Project Agenda:

- A. Prepare trench bed**
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Items Needed: 5 Shovels, 11 pairs of Gloves

PROJECT # 2

PAINTING

**Site Supervisor: Ralph E. Mason
Bureau of Land Management**

Crew: 12 Volunteers

Project Agenda:

- I. Site # 1 Shelter and Picnic Tables**
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Items Needed:

Sand paper, 1 box of rags, 1 gallon of primer, 3 gallons of paint (1 gallon of each color), 1 gallon of sealer, 12 paint brushes, 12 containers, 2 ladders, 1 gallon of paint cleaner

PROJECT # 3

BEAUTIFICATION

**Site Supervisors: Our Ranch San Juan, Inc.
Board Members**

Crew: All remaining volunteers

Project Agenda:

- I. Site # 1 Picnic Area
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Items Needed:

Box of gloves, shovels, hoes

PROJECT # 4

PETTING ZOO

**Site Supervisor: Todd Tucker
AmeriCorps**

Project Agenda:

- I. Design Petting Zoo

PROJECT # 5

PUBLIC BATHROOM

**Site Supervisor: Merl Farnsworth
Farnsworth Enterprises, Inc.**

Crew: Crew provided by Farnsworth Enterprises, Inc.

Project Agenda:

- I. Frame and close in public, handicap accessible bathroom

Items Needed:

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joint casing, 1 keyed knob, 10 pieces 1/2 x 4 x 12 sheet rock, 300 square
feet of R13 insulation, 20 lbs of 16 framing nails, 10 lbs of 8 penny nails,
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NEWS

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SIDEBAR TO NATIONAL SERVICE DAY ON OUR RANCH, 4/25/95

OUR RANCH SAN JUAN INC., THE START OF A DREAM FOR BOB BROWNING

Bob Browning is following through on a lifelong dream to reconnect the population of the four corners area and the nation with animals and nature. Up until the last one hundred years all people were involved with animals both on farms, ranches and for use as a means of transportation.

The breakdown of this relationship may be partially responsible for societies increasingly distant relationship with the environment, said Mr. Browning.

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Mr. Browning feels that many children today experience a confused family life. This confusion at home along with the confused message they receive on television may contribute to the problems some youth are having in finding direction and purpose in what can sometimes be a very hectic lifestyle in today's world.

Many school teachers haven't experienced the joys and rewards associated with the care and nurturing of animals themselves and may not realize the wide range of benefits to the youth resulting from the bonding between student and farm animal.

"The family farm has almost disappeared in the last two decades," said Browning, "Our Ranch is an attempt to fill the gap."

When he grew up almost everyone had access to a family farm and some exposure to animals. Now a lot of the kids probably have very little opportunity to be around a farm.

"The bulk of the population in America do not have contact with animals and nature," said Browning, "...mechanized transportation is less than 100 years old....all travel was on horseback or on foot.....people were connected to animals for many years."

Mr. Browning, who raises Appaloosa horses, found that the Nez Perce Indians of northern Idaho are given credit for developing the Appaloosa breed but that the Nez Perce no longer had any registered Appaloosa horses. He thought that bringing the Nez Perce people closer to their heritage through the Appaloosa horse would be a great benefit to both young and old.

He took his idea to the Nez Perce people, the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Idaho and to the headquarters of the Appaloosa Horse Club in Moscow, Idaho. In a record three days, a corporation was founded to reconnect the Nez Perce to the Appaloosa industry.

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"This was something that was supposed to happen for the Nez Perce," said Browning, " I was just the facilitator."

He has donated 13 horses to get them started. They now have over 30 head and have become very involved with the Appaloosa industry both here and abroad. A similar effort is being undertaken by Browning with the Navajo in Round Rock, Arizona. They recently received a grant to build an arena and to purchase medical supplies for the horses. He is working with the Navajo Prep School in Farmington and hopes that they will eventually have their own horsemanship academy.

Bob Browning is a man with a vision who is willing to work in order to prove it's validity.

"What I envision is thousands of these kinds of places (like Our Ranch) being developed in America," said Browning.

There are similar organizations in the U.S. but they are not acquainted with each other yet. They don't have a network to work together as a unit. Bob Browning would like the Four Corners to be the hub for ranches serving youth and their communities on a national scale.

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Provided by Ollie Powers, AmeriCorps member and information/education specialist working with the San Juan Resource Conservation and Development.

The San Juan Resource Conservation and Development is an organization committed to the rural development of the region. The San Juan Basin is rich in natural resources. The SJRC&D provides for their use in a manner which will insure future generations equal access & opportunity. With the help of local citizens the RC&D develops and implements action oriented plans for social, economic, and environmental betterment of their communities.

Luther King, Jr., what he stood for, and the National Civil Rights Movement. As I wandered through the museum words cannot express my thoughts. My feeling ran from astonishment, to sadness, to anger. I know that I will never fully understand what these people went through to gain their rights as a citizen of the United States of America, but I only hope that I can be more appreciative and more sympathetic to what Dr. King was trying to accomplish.



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