

OC Fair & Event Center
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MISSION STATEMENT:***

*Celebration of Orange County's
Communities, Interests, Agriculture
and Heritage.*

Centennial Farm

- The 3.5 acre working farm features a variety of crops, farm animals, and the Millennium Barn, which houses a 2-stall milking parlor.
- Over 70 dedicated volunteers provide 1 ½ hour long guided tours twice a day, five days a week, introducing participants to basic agriculture education.
- Centennial Farm's FREE public hours are Monday through Friday, 1 – 4 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays, from 9 am – 4 pm (*excluding special events*).



Centennial Farm Education Programs

- *Jr. Farmer Tours*

- Established in 1989, this program is geared towards students in grades K – 3rd.

- *Discovery Days*

- Geared towards Homeschool groups, Mommy & Me groups, Special Needs groups, etc.

- *The Ranch Afterschool program*

- Established in 2003, this program is geared towards 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.



Centennial Farm Education Programs...



- All programs are **FREE!**
- Over **50,000** school children participate in Centennial Farm's Jr. Farmer Tours and Discovery Days. (Offered October – June)
- Over **700** students have participated in the Ranch afterschool program since it started. (Offered October – April)

Program highlights...



The Ranch Afterschool Program

- Piloted in 2003, the program was offered to “at-risk” students from 1 NMUSD school (Davis).
- For the 03-04 school year, the program was expanded to include all kids, not just those “at-risk”.
- Currently, the program is offered to 4th – 6th graders in the following NMUSD schools: College Park, Davis, Paularino and Sonora



The Ranch

Afterschool program



- Participants are introduced to *Livestock*, *Leather crafting*, and *Gardening & Nutrition* concepts throughout the season.
- Partners & Sponsors include:
 - **City of Costa Mesa**
 - **Centennial Farm Foundation**
 - **UC Master Gardeners**
 - **Newport-Mesa Unified School District (College Park, Davis, Paularino and Sonora Elementary Schools)**
 - **Teachers & Parents**

The Ranch Afterschool program

- **\$700,000** is the approximate budget for Centennial Farm operational and program costs.
- External Program Support/Partnerships/Funding sources for the Ranch Afterschool program:
 - **City of Costa Mesa: provides 4 Recreation Leaders (estimated at \$20,000 per season)**
 - **UC Master Gardeners: Provide volunteers in the Garden section. (approximately 200 + hours donated yearly)**
 - **Centennial Farm Foundation: Provide monetary support and acquisition of donations i.e. seeds, plants, pots, tools, etc.**



The Ranch Afterschool program



- Centennial Farm Foundation was recently awarded **\$350,000** CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant to be utilized Oct. 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014.
- Other existing partnerships:
 - **Enrecos (Vermicomposting): Guest speakers**
 - **South Coast Weavers & Spinners Guild: Guest speakers and spinning demonstrations on various fibers.**
 - **Community Action Partnership of Orange County: 5-A-Day Power Play Campaign provides produce of the month and nutrition/exercise related curriculum.**

Ranch Afterschool Program highlights...



More RANCH highlights...



Opportunities available to students after Ranch ends...



- They have the opportunity to participate in the annual Youth Expo and the annual summer Fair in events such as:
 - Garden & Floral Competitions
 - Livestock Competitions
 - Other youth divisions
- Ranch Summer Program
 - Offered through the City of Costa Mesa Recreation dept. and held at Centennial Farm.



For more information...

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