

Preservation of Equestrian Facilities in GGNRA

To: Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

From: **Supporters of horseback riding** in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area
All these petitioners are horseback riders and visitors to Point Reyes Camp in Marin County, CA.

Re: (1) Support for preservation of **equestrian facilities**:
Ember Ridge, Picardo Ranch (Millwood), SFPUC Watershed easements, Moss Beach Ranch, Ocean View Stables, Renegade Ranch, Presidio Riding Club, Miwok Stables and Golden Gate Dairy.

(2) Support for continued equestrian access to **riding trails**:
Milagra Ridge, Sheldance Nursery area, Sweeney Ridge, Cattle Hill, Mori Point, Pedro Point, Devil's Slide, San Pedro Mountain (all south of San Francisco), Phleger Estate as well as trails in Marin County and in San Francisco that are located on GGNRA lands.

We the undersigned seek to preserve the existing equestrian facilities and trail access which may in the future be affected by decisions taken by your General Management Planning Team – GGNRA. The above-named stables have successfully operated for decades in our local areas. These facilities are well known and highly utilized. Most are at or near full capacity, confirming the enduring popularity of horseback riding and the continuing urgent need for horse boarding facilities in these coastal areas. Our stables enjoy wide public support and aid many sectors of the local economy (hay and grain production, feed stores, tack stores, online providers, veterinarians, farriers, instructors, rodeos, shows, restaurants, etc.). All of these interests would suffer if riding or horse boarding opportunities were reduced.

As urban areas encroach on rural preserves, it becomes all the more important that the government recognize that before the advent of GGNRA our equine facilities were already responsible and established custodians of these lands. The trails have been cared for; they are not degraded. Precautions have been taken not to pollute the seasonal streams. Buildings have been kept to a minimum. Dirt bikes and off-road vehicles that would destroy the natural habitat have been discouraged in an effort to preserve the areas. We continue to be good stewards of the land.

With the continued high level of interest in horseback riding, horse camps for children, hourly lessons and horse boarding, it is only reasonable that the local facilities be allowed to continue operating in our coastal areas. Urban residents enjoy these traditional pastimes and value the proximity of our stables to the cities. As construction encroaches on open spaces it becomes more difficult to maintain equestrian facilities. Nevertheless, riding remains very

popular and we the undersigned need and support our equestrian facilities in the planned Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Thank you for your attention to our petition and please find attached signatures supporting the continuance and enhancement of our equestrian facilities under your management.

We support horseback riding and stables in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

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Horseback riders and visitors

to Point Reyes Camp ~~Ranch Stable~~ located in Marin County, CA

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Dear GGNRA Planning staff:


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In Marin County I support the position of the Marin Horse Council and want to go on record as **supporting the continued presence of the horse facilities and increases in access to trails.** The final plan must address the presence and requirements of equestrians.

In San Mateo County I support most of the proposals in Alternative 1 for all the properties. The final plan should take into account the diverse nature of the land in San Mateo County and **MUST** allow for the continued presence of the horse facilities. **The areas that have not traditionally been open to equestrians in the GGNRA should be re-examined and those properties opened up where possible.** I support the details that ETRAC and the Coastside Horse Council have proposed.

I would like to address the issue of the lands **in the Rancho Corral de Tierra parcel.** This is a new acquisition and must be carefully planned. Horsemen are committed to multi-use in this area. **Alternative 1 should be amended to preserve stables where they are** because they provide for quality of life for the Coastside area and San Mateo County as a whole. The plan should also address existing trails and roads which should be kept and maintained for equestrian use. These trails provide a critical regional links from North to South and along the Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment. Most of these are appropriate multi-use trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to give you my comments.
Very Truly Yours,



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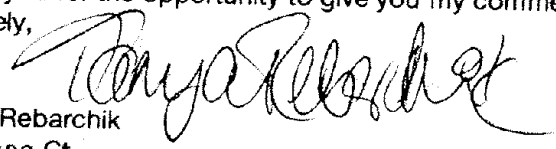
In Marin County I support the position of the Marin Horse Council and want to go on record as supporting the continued presence of the horse facilities and increases in access to trails. The final plan must address the presence and requirements of equestrians. Horses have been a long-standing part of the history of the area and are also often the only way a disabled person can enjoy the trails.

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The plan should also address existing trails and roads which should be kept and maintained for equestrian use. These trails provide a critical regional links from North to South and along the Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment. Most of these are appropriate multi-use trails and good for dogs on leash and in many areas off-leash.

Thank you for the opportunity to give you my comments.
Sincerely,


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Dear Ms. Horner,

I have a suggestion regarding Alcatraz Island. It is the perfect place to have a Museum of Torture. I have visited the Museum of Torture in Paris, France, and it is quite a draw. There are guillotines surrounded by huge pictures of lopped off heads, garrotes used in Spain to separate neck vertebrae (very painful before you die), nipple pinchers (pliers), things to pull out finger nails or jam metal wedges underneath, sharp pegs to sit on, etc. There are some nifty devices out there! Most of the devices are accompanied by huge pictures of similar devices in use.

People line up by the thousands to get into this place. Go and visit it. They have about 300 torture devices. I guess you could add water boarding to the list.

Anyway, people do relish this sort of thing and they will pay an entrance price.

My vote for an income-earner at Alcatraz is to open a Torture Museum.

Regards,



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CONCEPT PAPER
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Living Indian Museum System
Through
Civic Engagement

Jose Rivera, Ranger
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- Civic Engagement, a Native Perspective:

Ancient Greece is not the only place in which democracy was practiced and refined. What gave birth to the idea that the separate colonies could unite for their mutual benefit? One only has to look to their back yard, the Americas.

The Irokwa (Iroquois) Confederacy originally united five nations (tribes), later to incorporate a sixth to become known as the Six Nations. During the time of French encroachment, in 1742 an Irokwa Sachem (chief) named Canassatego answered a request to meet with Pennsylvanian officials, to discuss a "League of Friendship." Later in 1744 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania Canassatego offered a bold new idea to the colonialist,

Our wise forefathers established Union and Amity between the Five Nations. This made us formidable; this has given us great Weight and Authority with our neighboring Nations. We are a powerful Confederacy; and by your observing the same methods, our wise forefathers have taken, you will acquire such Strength and power. Therefore what ever befalls you, never fall out with one another.

This bold new idea was debated within the colonies, not only against French encroachment, but against British tyranny was well. Influence of the Irokwa Great Law and their united confederacy was gaining popularity among the colonialists. The Irokwa influence was gaining so much ground that the royal governor, George Clinton of New York, complained that the democratic leaders of the colonies "...were ignorant, illiterate people of republican principle who have no knowledge of the English Constitution or love for their county."

Another Irokwa intellectual and leader was Tiyanoga, a Mohawk Sachem that the British referred to as Hendrick. Hendrick was at the Albany Conference of 1754, in which he helped to frame the Articles of Union. In fact, Hendrick and Canassatego are known as the forgotten Founding Fathers of the United States. It was at the Albany Conference of 1754 Hendrick shared with the assembled colonialists the structure of the Irokwa Confederacy. The Onondagas were the Fire Keepers (Executive Branch) with the Seneca, Mohawk, Cayuga, and Oneida organized in the Longhouse of the Elder Brothers (Senate), and the Longhouse of the Younger Brothers (House of Representatives). Sachems (chiefs) were elected by the Clan Mothers (Electoral Votes). The United States

symbol of the Eagle clutching Thirteen Arrows representing the Thirteen Colonies, originally held five arrows then later six arrows for the tribes of the Irokwa Confederacy. The influences of the Irokwa Confederacy upon the merging United States of America are too many to go into any depth in this paper. However, the Irokwa influence is well documented for any scholar to research.

Tribal governments are based on citizen participation. The U.S. Founding Fathers saw democracy as a side issue, they were mainly focused upon establishing a "Republic." In the Republic, citizens are the government, "government of the people, for the people." Thus, the need for a well informed and educated voting constituency, which is the original goal of the U.S. public school system. An important class was "Civics," in which one learned of their civic responsibilities, such as paying taxes or serving jury duty to name a couple. Citizen participation in their government is the basis of our democratic republic, thus the basis of "*Civic Engagement*." NPS through *Civic Engagement* is encouraging the public to return to the original spirit this country was based on, citizen participation. To participate with their government through the National Parks Service, for the benefit of our future generations.

- The Living Indian Museum:

The Living Indian Museum celebrates "Living Indian Cultures" and embraces the culture as a whole, not just the "artifacts." Through *Civic Engagement* the Golden Gate National Recreation Area would work directly with Tribal and Community Museums to enable them to "Tell Their Own Story." The Living Indian Museum concept is an enlighten museum approach that accomplishes many positive things: address and counter 'institutional paternalism,' contributes to 'Indian cultural preservation' by empowering the Native communities to tell their own story, while providing the visiting public with a superior first hand educational experience.

- Telling Their Own Story:

The GGNRA through *Civic Engagement* would enable Native communities to "Tell Their Own Story" by providing them with a space and expertise, thus creating a Living Museum. GGNRA could suggest a thematic architecture, but ultimately it is up to the Tribe to determine what subject matter and techniques they need to tell their story. Suggested themes could be: 1) Our Ancestors: Pre-Contact, 2) The Dark Cloud: Contact with Europe, 3) Survival and Adaptation, 4) We Are Still Here: The Living Culture. Tribes may choose any combination of themes, or select a single theme. The Tribe could use any combination of techniques to share their story such as storytellers, living history demonstrations, hands on replicas, interpretive panels, real artifacts, audio-visuals or computers.

- A Living Indian Museum System:

There needs to be more than one Living Indian Museum at the GGNRA due to the diverse nature of the Native Bay Area, California and American Indian cultures; plus the profound significance Alcatraz Island has in the Indian world. The Living Indian

Museum system would consist of two facilities (Alcatraz & California Indian Living Museum), with one facility containing two sites. Each site would have multiple gallery areas to accommodate more than one exhibit at any one time. With the multiple gallery concept, it provides a chance for many Native communities to “Tell Their Own Story.”

One facility, the Alcatraz Island Intertribal Living Museum would have a broader cultural brush stroke, analogues to the National Museum of the American Indian. The California Indian facility would have two sites. One site would be located in the Crissy Field area dedicated to the South Bay Costanoan/Ohlone people, and provide public transportation access to cultural programming. The second site would be at Fort Baker dedicated to the North Bay Coastal Miwok people. These three Living Indian Museums would meet many of the needs the California Indian people and the general American Indian community has been asking for in a “*community orientated museum*.” *Civic Engagement* is the key to the Living Indian Museum’s success; and a long-term relationship with the Native communities *is vital*.

Each Living Indian Museum (Alcatraz, Crissy Field, Fort Baker) would have slightly different goals, but with the same mission – celebrate and understand the living American Indian cultures. There are various ‘multiple-museum systems’ models to draw upon such as the Museum of New Mexico, which is in fact a consortium of museums. There is the National Museum of the American Indian with its four-museum concept: the main gallery on the National Mall, the Storage & Conservation facility, the Heye collection in New York and a Traveling museum.

There is no need for GGNRA to develop a collection for the Living Indian Museums because there are many collections at hand. Examples are, the GGNRA Living Indian Museum system can become an affiliate to the Smithsonian and the National Museum of the American Indian, Tribal and Community Indian Museums, the Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley, and a large portion of the California State Indian collections is not from California. Therefore, if the Tribal exhibit needs an artifact, there are many of places for the Living Museum/GGNRA to draw from.

The Alcatraz Island Intertribal Living Museum (AIILM). Two of the most significant legacies of the Indian Occupation of Alcatraz Island are: the acknowledgement that Native Cultures are still alive, and a sense of Hemispherical Intertribal Unity.

Civic Engagement for the AIILM would be on a national and international level, working with Tribal Museums through out the United States, Canada and Latin America. Due to the broad geographic area the AIILM will be dealing with, operational control must remain with the Alcatraz Island curatorial staff.

Through *Civic Engagement* an appropriate museum location site can be determined in cooperation. The selection committee would determined if an existing building should be renovated, or start a new facility from scratch.

One recommendation is to place for the AIILM on the ground level of the New Industries

building that faces the Golden Gate. There are two large rooms in the New Industries building that could accommodate the AILM. The first room should be a transition room and the second room the actual gallery area. The gallery area (interior of second room) needs to be encapsulated to provide a museum quality environment to control light, temperature and humidity. The impressive view of the Golden Gate needs to be maintained for dramatic effect, with sealed UV filtered glass and if need be inner partitions.

The first room could have interpretive panels explaining the Living Indian Museum concept and program. Most importantly, the first room would be an environmental transition space. If the first room is not enough of an environmental buffer to maintain the environmental controls in the gallery room, then it is recommended that a rotating glass door be used to maintain the environmental seal in the gallery room.

Another recommendation would be to refurbish what is now called the “Chapel” next to the Electric Shop. The main consideration for this building is to create a handicap access.

If it is determined that a new facility is needed, a recommended site would be at the edge of the Parade Grounds facing San Francisco. Site location, size and other details would be negotiated through *Civic Engagement*.

The California Indian Living Museum (CILM). The CILM is a ‘two-sites’ facility to highlight the diverse Bay Area cultures. Each CILM site would have multiple gallery areas. The main gallery area at each site would be dedicated to the local people Miwok, or Costanoan/Ohlone people. A second gallery area would be dedicated to all California Indian people on a rotating basis. A third gallery area would be open for traveling exhibits, or other American Indian tribal people to use.

There is about thirty years worth of testimony, reports and community meetings with the California Indian community by California State Parks, dealing with the need for a new California Indian Museum. A consistent and repeated theme statewide from the California Indian community is a disdain for a large tourist style museum that attempts to “interpret” the diverse California cultures in one facility. The Native people do not want a museum that treats Indian culture like artifacts; dead and extinct. The State Parks Native American Task Force in 1977 envisioned the, “... State Indian Museum would not be a single entity but would, in a sense, constitute a hub of a wheel with at least six radiating spokes [Regional Indian Museums] (State Parks, 1977: 6).” The GGNRA can become the “hub” of a new California Indian Museum cultural wheel.

The CILM is a way for the GGNRA to meet the stated needs of the California Indian community, contribute directly to cultural preservation and provide the park visitor with a unique view of California Indian culture. The CILM is a unique and fresh museum approach, and will not conflict or duplicate the work presently being done by California State Parks, but it would complement it. Perhaps through *Civic Engagement*, GGNRA and California State Parks could work together with the California Indian community to create a comprehensive California Indian Museum System.

The California Indian community has consistently advocated a “Regional Indian Museum” approach. The Regional Indian Museum approach makes the institution more accessible and alive to the diverse California Indian communities statewide. The 1977 Native American Task Force recommended,

“Our current plan is to interpret Indian history throughout time with major emphasis on the ethno historical period. We are dealing with six cultural areas and possibly subdivisions of these. These cultural areas are, specifically: the Northwestern cultural area, Northeastern cultural area, Central Valley cultural area, Southern cultural area and the Colorado River cultural area (State Parks, 1977: 1).”

There is no need for the NPS and the GGNRA to create any “Regional Indian Museums,” only organize the California Indian Tribal and Community Museums into a consortium through *Civic Engagement*. The Tribal Museums in effect becomes the GGNRA’s Regional Indian Museum system. Thirty years ago the Indian community was reliant upon the State of California’s resources to develop a new State Indian Museum. At the present time the situation has reversed, many California Tribes now have the resources to develop their own Tribal Museums. A consortium of California Tribal and Community museums would be the “real grass-roots” California Indian Museum.

Crissy Field Site:

Located at the Northern tip of the South Bay, the Crissy Field site would honor and highlight the Costanoan/Ohlone people. This site would build upon the outstanding work and foundation the Crissy Field staff has already accomplished through *Civic Engagement*. Since Crissy Field already has on-going interpretive programs for the community, and has public transportation access it would be ideal for the CILM’s education and outreach center. Educational programs could be created that are appropriate for the site.

Fort Baker Site:

Located at the Southern tip of the North Bay, the Fort Baker site would honor and be dedicated to the Coastal Miwok people. *Civic Engagement* with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (who are federally recognized) would be essential. There are several recommendations for a Fort Baker location.

- 1) Take over one of the Officer’s Houses surrounding the Parade Grounds.
- 2) Take over some rooms in the Administration Building also on the Parade Grounds.
- 3) If a new site needs to be built, there are two recommendations for its footprint.
 - a) An area that is presently fenced off, in between the Discovery Museum and the Coast Guard Station, and between the Parade

Grounds and the shoreline Parking Lot.

b) Another site could be on the footprint of a non-historical warehouse building in between the Discovery Museum and the Administration building, above the Parking Lot to the rear of the Jail House (across the street from the Discovery Museum).

For the last 30 years the California Indian people, through California State Parks, have consistently referred to a basic criteria that they would like to see in a new cultural facility(ties). One major point being, the Regional Indian Museum approach. The following points make Fort Baker the best choice for the northern site of the CILM.

- *The California Indian community has consistently stated they would like a new cultural facility near or on the water.* Fort Baker with Horseshoe Cove would be ideal for aquatic educational programs and a “Grand Vista.”
- *The museum should be located so there is access to a naturalistic area for educational programs on how the California Indians utilized their natural resources.* Fort Baker sits next to the Marin Headlands, a perfect place for California Indian educational programs. The Marin Headlands would provide a more naturalistic educational experience Crissy Field could not.
- Fort Baker was the site of a former Coastal Miwok village, thus able to convey a sense of continuity.
- The Fort Baker Parade Grounds would be ideal for cultural special events.
- Park Partners: the new CILM would become a member of the GGNRA Park Partners program and able to form working partnerships with other members. The CILM would not only have its own educational programs, but also work with the Marin Headlands Institute (and Crissy Field) to improve their programs and conduct mutual programs. The Bay Area Discovery Museum is always looking for ways to form community partnerships to diversify their audience. The Discovery Museum has a new state-of-the-art auditorium and other educational facilities that are rarely used that could be utilized by the CILM.
- If the CILM were based out of Fort Baker, Marin County, it would be eligible for funding from the Marin Community Foundation and provide an outside source of funding for educational programs and special events.

- Phase 1: Data Base Collection:

In order to successfully outreach to the American Indian community through *Civic Engagement*, a data base of Tribal and Community Indian Museums is needed. The following progression is recommended:

- i. California Tribal Museums
- ii. California Indian Community Museums
- iii. Tribal Museums Nationally
- iv. Community Indian Museums Nationally
- v. Tribal Museums in Canada
- vi. Community Indian Museums in Canada

- vii. Tribal Museums in Latin America
- viii. Community Indian Museums in Latin America

- Phase 2: Letters of Support from Tribal Governments and Tribal Museums.

Through *Civic Engagement* GGNRA/NPS would go to tribal governments and tribal museums to ask for their support of the Living Indian Museum concept. This can be done through Letters of Support. This is how the National Museum of the American Indian started, and it would be wise to ask for their support and help as well. After gaining enough support within the Native communities for the Living Indian Museum system, then we gather the interested parties for the next phase.

- Phase 3: Public Meetings.

It is recommended that public meetings within the Native communities be set up to galvanize support for the Living Indian Museum concept. The intent of the public meetings is to form a support base leading to a consortium of Tribal Museums and Community Indian Museums. The public meetings would first focus on California Indian communities, and then Indian communities nationally. Finally if possible a few selected Indian communities in Canada & Latin America, to once again follow the precedent established by the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. After the public meetings, then Conferences would bring together the Native community and museum professionals to form a Museum Consortium.

- Phase 4: Conferences

The conferences would lay the basic groundwork for the consortium. It would be up to the consortium to determine a selection process for the rotating exhibits, time periods, parameters, educational programs, and determine locations for the new facilities.

- Phase 5: Develop a General Plan.

Once Native community support is secured and a direction set by the Museum Consortium, then a General Plan needs to be developed. The General Plan would set the basic precepts for the Living Indian Museum System, locations of sites and other necessary logistics needed to create the Living Indian Museum system at GGNRA. The General Plan would also be a guide for its development and maintenance.

- Phase 6: Development Plan.

With community support from Tribal Governments and Tribal Museums, with a General Plan in hand then a Development Plan needs to be created. The Development Plan would set a course on fund raising, professional support, and other logistics. The last step is to implement the Development Plan.

- Final Thoughts:

This proposal is the ideal, in terms of its development. It would be ideal if each spoke of the Living Indian Museum System (Alcatraz, Crissy Field, Fort Baker) be developed at the same time, each with the necessary resources and staff. However, the beauty of this proposal and a Regional Indian Museum approach is, they can work in tandem as well as independently. Each Museum spoke may have its own evolution. One spoke may have a faster building period, another may excel in community outreach, while another in naturalistic interpretive programs. Each site in its own organic evolutionary development.

If the *Civic Engagement* efforts are successful, the California Indian and general American Indian community will feel that this is “their museum.” Per the basic precepts of *Civic Engagement* it is vital that the Indian Community be full-fledged partners from the inception.

“Ishi looked upon us as sophisticated children, smart but not wise. In we know many things, but much of it is false. But, he knew nature which was always true.” A.L. Kroeber, describing Ishi’s thoughts.

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To: National Park Service
General Management Planning Team - GGNRA

We have a great opportunity at the Banducci site to help manifest the *Redwood Creek Watershed Vision of the Future*. Please refer to this document, which was written by representatives for:

California Fish & Game
California Park & Rec
Marin Municipal Water District
Muir Beach Community Services District
Green Gulch Farm
Marin County
National Park Service.

For instance, look at guiding principles (which are included).

Also it would be useful to think in terms of the *Agricultural Park* model as presented by SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Education - see their website at www.sage.org, especially the Sunol project). The basic idea is that an agricultural park is a place that integrates sustainable agriculture and local community needs, natural resources, stewardship and public education in a mutually beneficial way by sharing resources.

Our watershed, because of its relatively small scale and its rich diversity, could become a progressive land-use model for how the National Park Service could work and partner with its neighbors and local government.

Components

- 1) Preserve and improve upon the agrarian heritage as it has been practiced for the last 70 years by the Banducci family. Work with MALT (Marin Agricultural Land Trust).
- 2) All farming activity would be certified organic under the auspices of MOCA (Marin Organic Certification Agency).
- 3) Greenhouse propagation: Build two greenhouses, one for native plants for Muir Beach landscaping, as well as for Muir Woods, to be used for ~~specific~~ restoration, fire control and water conservation projects, and one for production of nursery crops and starts for field production. *Specs*
- 4) Field production: Develop in scale with fragile ecosystem, analyze and improve soil conditions, create value-added product for sale, use packing shed, cooler. Join Marin Organic for technical and marketing support.
- 5) Plant food crops for food security for the greater Muir Beach neighborhood. In case of a natural or other disaster we could feed ourselves, and excess food could be donated to the Marin Food Bank. Work with Muir Beach disaster committee.

- 6) Develop a composting system for Muir Beach so we can process our own waste in a beneficial way. Worms could aid the process (with or without horse manure). Work with the Muir Beach Garden Club.
- 7) Education: The basis of education would be a working farm utilizing and enhancing natural resources. Work with Slide Ranch to create a connecting trail so their kids can walk over the ridge and farm with the Banducci family. Also, reach out to public schools.
- 8) Next step: Have a meeting with representatives from interested parties:
- National Park Service
 - Marin County (County Supervisor Steve Kinsey, MOCA, U.C. Extension
 - MALT
 - Marin Organic
 - Muir Beach Garden Club
 - Slide Ranch
 - Etc.

Sincerely,



Peter Rudnick

1795 Shoreline Hwy.
Sausalito, CA 94965-9724

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July 22. 2008

National Park Service - General Management Planning Team - GGNRA
Denver Service Center
12795 West Alameda Parkway
Denver, CO 80225-0287

Dear GGNRA Planning staff:

I am responding to the alternatives that are proposed for the new general plan for the parks. I am an equestrian and I support the majority of the concepts in Alternative 1, however Alternative 1 does not apply to all the area. The final plan should take into account the need to retain existing stables, provide more trails (especially a variety of different length loop trails) and regional connections, provide adequate rig parking for equestrians, identify water sources for livestock, and provide unpaved trail surfaces for both joggers, bicyclists and horses. I also support multi-use trails, with the exception of the trails in the Phleger Estate. Creation of volunteer trail patrols is vital to provide "eyes and ears" in the new property.

In Marin County I support the position of the Marin Horse Council and want to go on record as supporting the continued presence of the horse facilities and increases in access to trails. The final plan must address the presence and requirements of equestrians.

In San Mateo County I support most of the proposals in Alternative 1 for all the properties. The final plan should take into account the diverse nature of the land in San Mateo County and MUST allow for the continued presence of the horse facilities. The areas that have not traditionally been open to equestrians in the GGNRA should be re-examined and those properties opened up where possible. I support the details that ETRAC and the Coastside Horse Council have proposed.

I would like to address the issue of the lands in the Rancho Corral de Tierra parcel. This is a new acquisition and must be carefully planned. Horsemen are committed to multi-use in this area. Alternative 1 should be amended to preserve stables where they are because they provide for quality of life for the Coastside area and San Mateo County as a whole. This is a large enough area that dogs on leash could be allowed.

The plan should also address existing trails and roads which should be kept and maintained for equestrian use. These trails provide a critical regional links from North to South and along the Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment. Most of these are appropriate multi-use trails and good for dogs on leash and in many areas off-leash.

Thank you for the opportunity to give you my comments.
Regards from,

Beverly Sanders
2442 Sharon Oaks Dr.
Menlo Park, Ca 94025

To Mr. O'Neill,

Please keep Slide Ranch how
and where it is. We love going
there to enjoy nature - the
chickens, the goats, the garden, and
the tidal pools. A lot of people
love slide ranch and also want
to keep it how it is. How do you think
life would be like without the
fennel forest, the campground
and the gardens? It would not
be very good. I can assure you.
Please keep Slide Ranch because
many people love it.

Sincerely,

Hannah Scherr, age 8

JAMES SCHERR, AGE 6

17 Heuters Lane

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Supporters of Slide Ranch

<u>name</u>	<u>age</u>
Annavija	8
Alexandra	9
Anna	9
Olivia	8
Rachel	9
Hannah M	8
Eva	7
Mackenzie	9
Rachel S.	8

1029 Pomona Ave.
Albany, CA 94706

July 1, 2008

John Jarvis
Regional Director National Parks Service
1111 Jackson St. Suite 700
Oakland, CA 94607

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Jarvis,

For many years I have been taking my Second Grade classes to Slide Ranch for field trips tied to the Social Studies California State Standards of food production and science standards of animal habitats and life cycles. Slide Ranch is the perfect place for the students to have a day of outdoor education. It is a genuine working farm in a beautiful location on the coast at a reasonable driving distance from the Bay Area. Because of its unique location the students get to experience the farm as well as our coastal ecology.

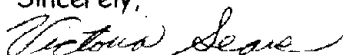
The Slide Ranch does an excellent job of presenting the outdoor education curriculum, tailoring it to each teacher's specifications. Typically my class will feed and milk goats, learn about sheep and poultry families, work in the garden, worm box or the compost pile. They learn about the crops being produced, eating chard, strawberries, lettuces, spinach and even rhubarb right out of the garden! Students take hikes up the hills and down to the ocean, learn about the flora and fauna, visit the tide pools and learn about sea life ecology. I am particularly impressed with "bone hill" so students can learn about decomposition and view animal skeletons.

Before we discovered Slide Ranch about 10 years ago, my colleagues and I had tried field trips to several other farms that did not provide either interesting or high quality education. We are so happy with our field trips to Slide Ranch and the truly wonderful experiences they provide our students.

Enclosed are letters from my class this year and also some from their parents who came to Slide Ranch. We are asking you to keep Slide Ranch the wonderful treasure it is for elementary classes and families who visit. Slide Ranch is our favorite field trip and is an experience that really enhances students' understanding.

We all ask you to choose Alternative One, "Connecting People to Parks" as the preferred alternative for Slide Ranch. Slide Ranch is truly a treasure of outdoor education and should remain one for many generations!

Sincerely,



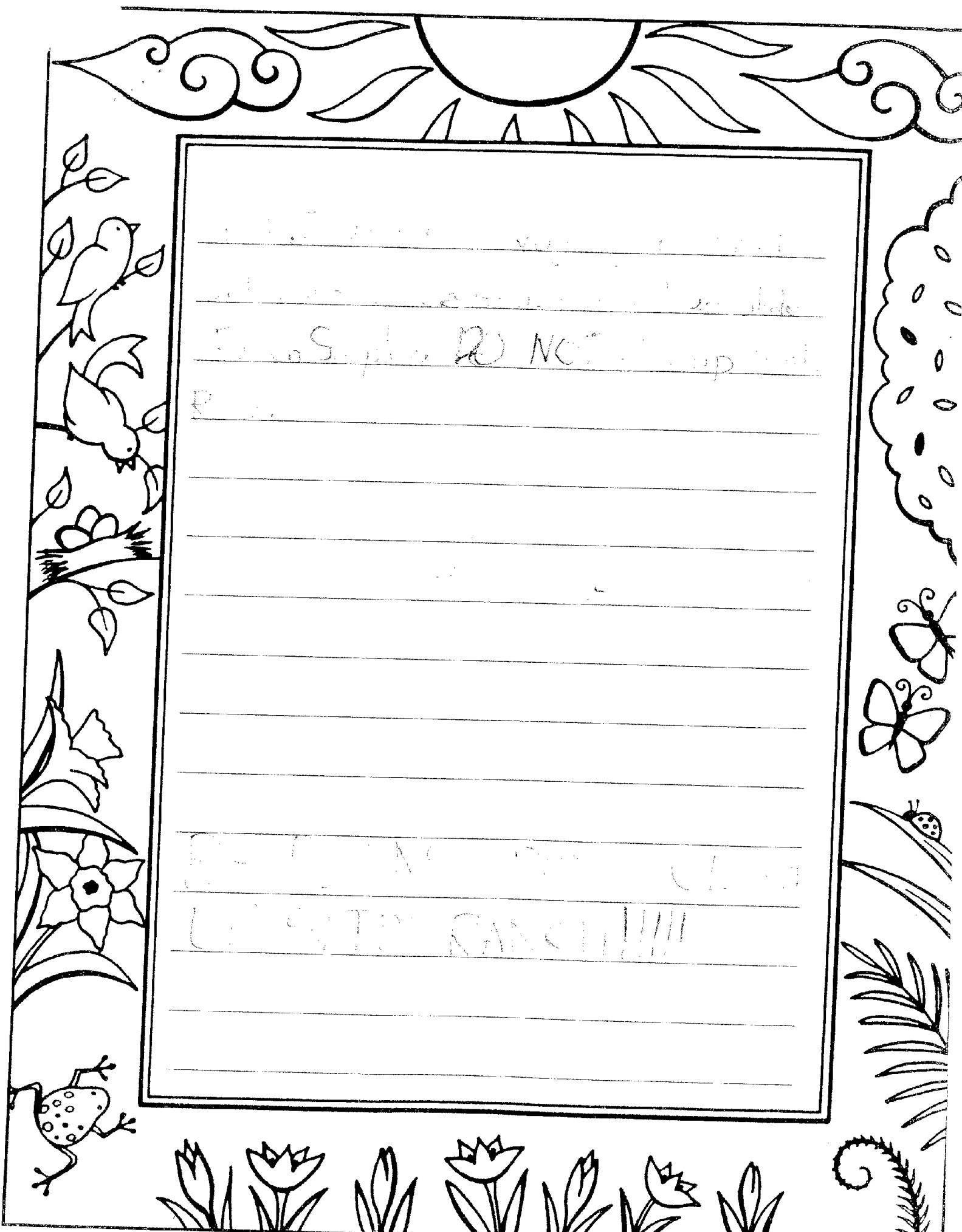
Victoria Sears
Second Grade Teacher
Cornell School
Albany, CA



Slide Ranch

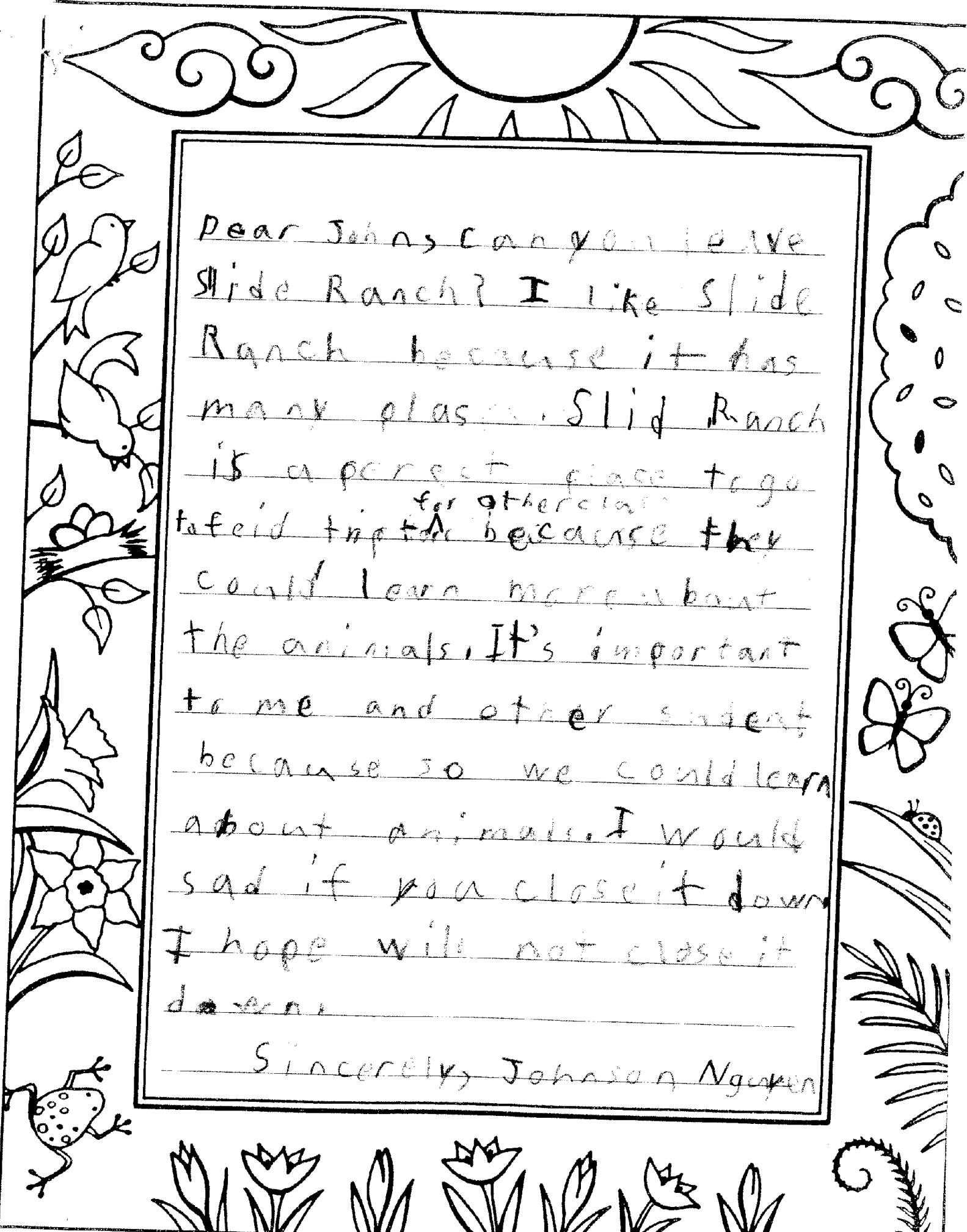
Dear John Jarvis,

Please leave Slide Ranch where it is. It really helps all second graders because we all like to know the history of animals and enjoy the nature of Slide Ranch. Many classes could learn millions and millions of facts about it. People from all over ^{the} world would like to learn the incredible and amazing facts about Slide Ranch. Cornell School has been going to Slide Ranch for nearly 40 years. But if you close up Slide Ranch now, the rest of the classes must come all the way to see Slide Ranch. So we want Slide Ranch to stay open.



My name is _____
I am _____ years old.
I was born on _____
_____ day of _____
_____ month.

My address is _____
_____ street _____
_____ city _____
_____ state _____
_____ zip code _____



Dear John, Can you leave
Slide Ranch? I like Slide
Ranch because it has
many places. Slide Ranch
is a perfect place to go
to field trip ^{for other class} because they
could learn more about
the animals. It's important
to me and other student
because so we could learn
about animals. I would
sad if you close it down.
I hope will not close it
down.

Sincerely, Johnson Nguyen

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Dear Mr. Jarvis,

My son brought to my attention that there are plans to move or close Slide Ranch. Judging from the very short time I was here, Slide Ranch is a treasure for young and old alike. From the tidepools to the fields and all the wonders of the farm itself, I had as good a time as the eight year olds. It would be a shame to change a single thing. Please keep Slide Ranch as it is.

Sincerely, Mf

Marian Harwood
parent of 2nd grade
at "Core" School, Alameda



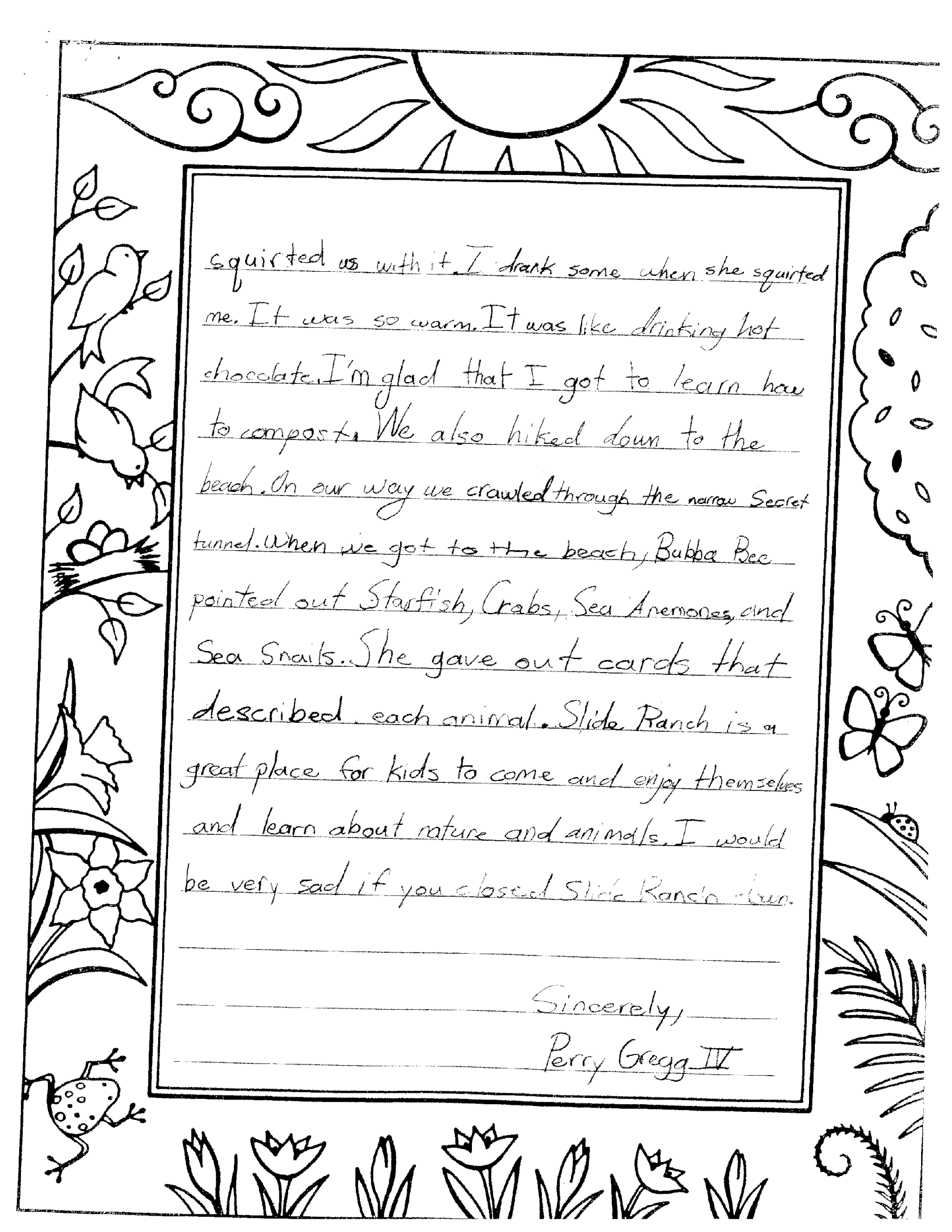
937 Adams St.

Albany CA 94706

June 10, 2008

Dear Mr. Jarvis,

Please don't close Slide Ranch. Please leave it where it is. I love Slide Ranch! I came on May 8, with my Cornell Elementary School Second grade class. It was the best field trip I've ever been on. I enjoyed eating in the Secret garden where we climbed and swung on a tree. I learned that eggs can be different colors because they're from different types of chickens. Bubba Bee, our tour guide, introduced us to the delicious plant Jerusalem Sage. You suck on it and it tastes as sweet as honey. Bubba Bee also taught us how to milk a goat. She



squirted us with it. I drank some when she squirted me. It was so warm. It was like drinking hot chocolate. I'm glad that I got to learn how to compost. We also hiked down to the beach. On our way we crawled through the narrow Secret tunnel. When we got to the beach, Bubba Bee pointed out Starfish, Crabs, Sea Anemones, and Sea Snails. She gave out cards that described each animal. Slide Ranch is a great place for kids to come and enjoy themselves and learn about nature and animals. I would be very sad if you closed Slide Ranch down.

Sincerely,

Perry Gregg IV

Shijune
Kim

706 Tabot Ave.

Albany, CA 94706

June 10, 2008

Dear John Jarvis

Please leave Slide Ranch where it
is! I like Slide Ranch because
I love ^{the} beauty at the Pacific Ocean. It is good
place to go field trip because there is
good place to eat here and there! It
is good place to hike. It is great,
and fun! Slide Ranch is important
because it is a great place for picnics
and to go for field trips.

Love,

Shijune Kim

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Alyssa
Robin

Dear John Travis,
Why do you want close up Slide
Ranch anyway? I think you
should not close it up because it is a
place where everyone can go and
have a great time. And teachers can
take their classes on field trips.
So they can ^{learn} a thing or two about animals. And where
are all the animals going to
go if you decide you want
to rebuild a new building.
Pretty please... Can you leave Slide
Ranch where it is. Because
I Love It! the
Quacken is so beautiful and
the ocean is so big and full

Alyssa
Robyn

Of Sea Critters.

I Love the chickens because

they are so soft and so warm and

cute! Slide Ranch is

Very Very Very Important

to me because it is

Some Where people

Alyssa
Robyn

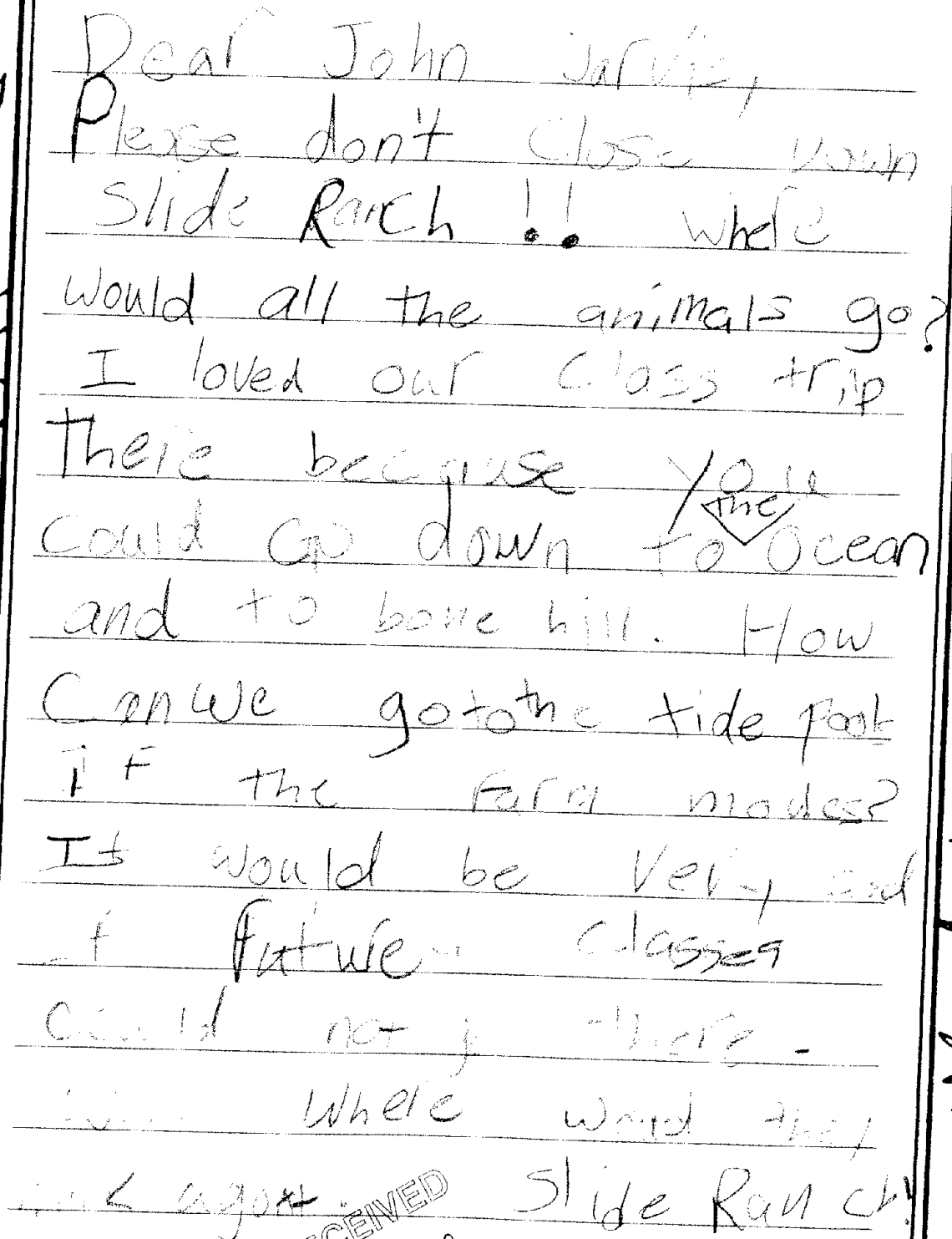
Would love to go and
it is one of my favorite
field trips! I really like
Slide Ranch. I would
feel very sad if you closed
it down.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Robyn

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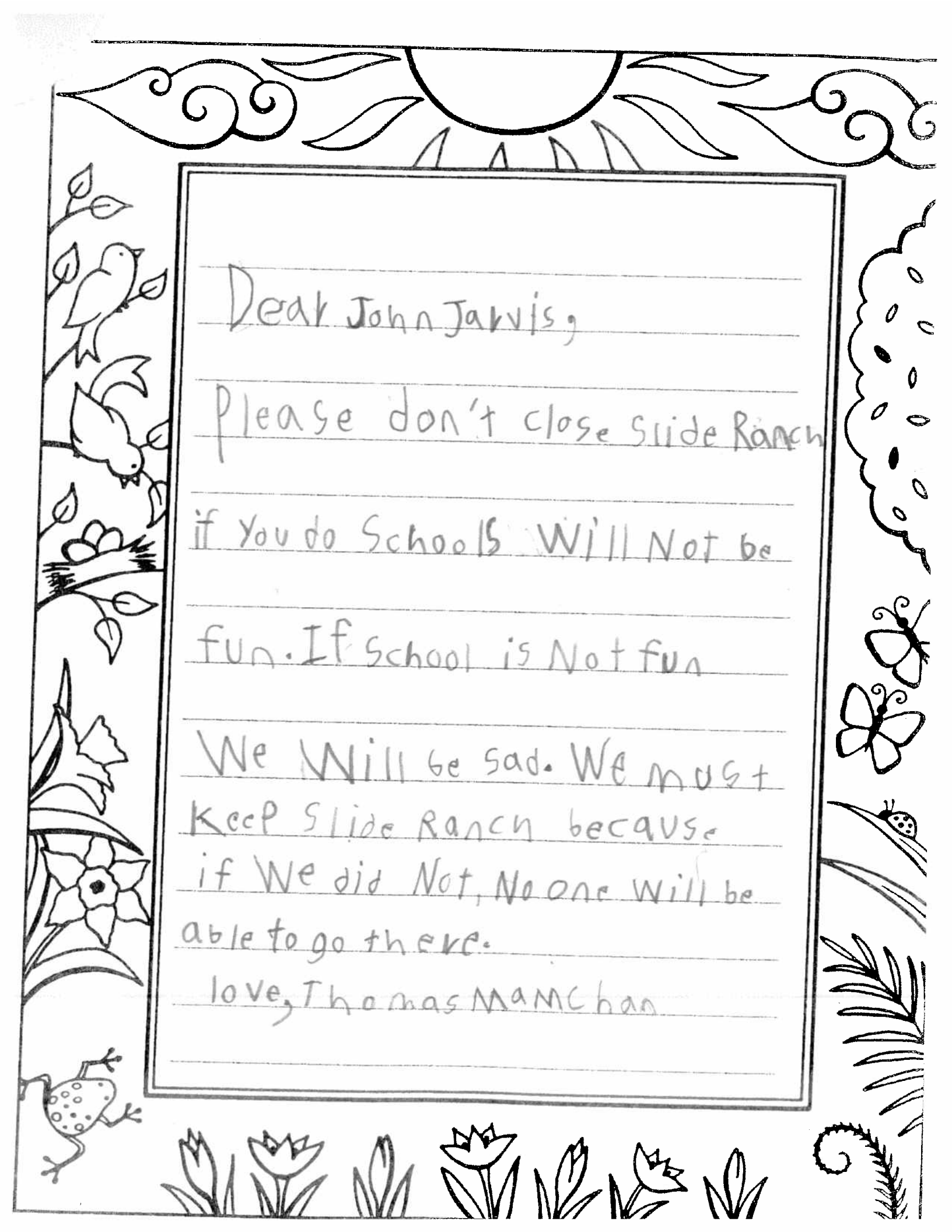
Dear John Jarvis,
Please don't close down
Slide Ranch !! Where
would all the animals go?
I loved our class trip
there because you
could go down to the ocean
and to bone hill. How
can we go to the tide pool
if the farm closes?
It would be very sad
if future classes
could not go there.
Where would they
go? Love Slide Ranch!

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Thank You Jade
We



Dear John Jarvis,

Please don't close Slide Ranch

if you do Schools Will Not be

fun. If school is Not fun

We Will be sad. We must
keep Slide Ranch because
if we did Not, No one will be
able to go there.

love, Thomas Mancian

Dear John Jarvis,
please do not move Slide
Ranch. People that have been
there before will lose their
way. I love slide Ranch because
it teaches kids how to love
nature. And, it is a good field trip
for All schools. All the kids
that were at the field trip
liked it, because it was
learning. I would feel bad if
you closed down slide Ranch
because I had A lot of
fun because we got to
milk goats, go to tide pools and

Nee 14 Namdoo

look at bones. My favorite
Thing there was looking at the
goats, Sheep, ducklings, chickens,
Pasteries, starfish and crabs. Please do
not close down this wonderful park
I love it.

Thank you

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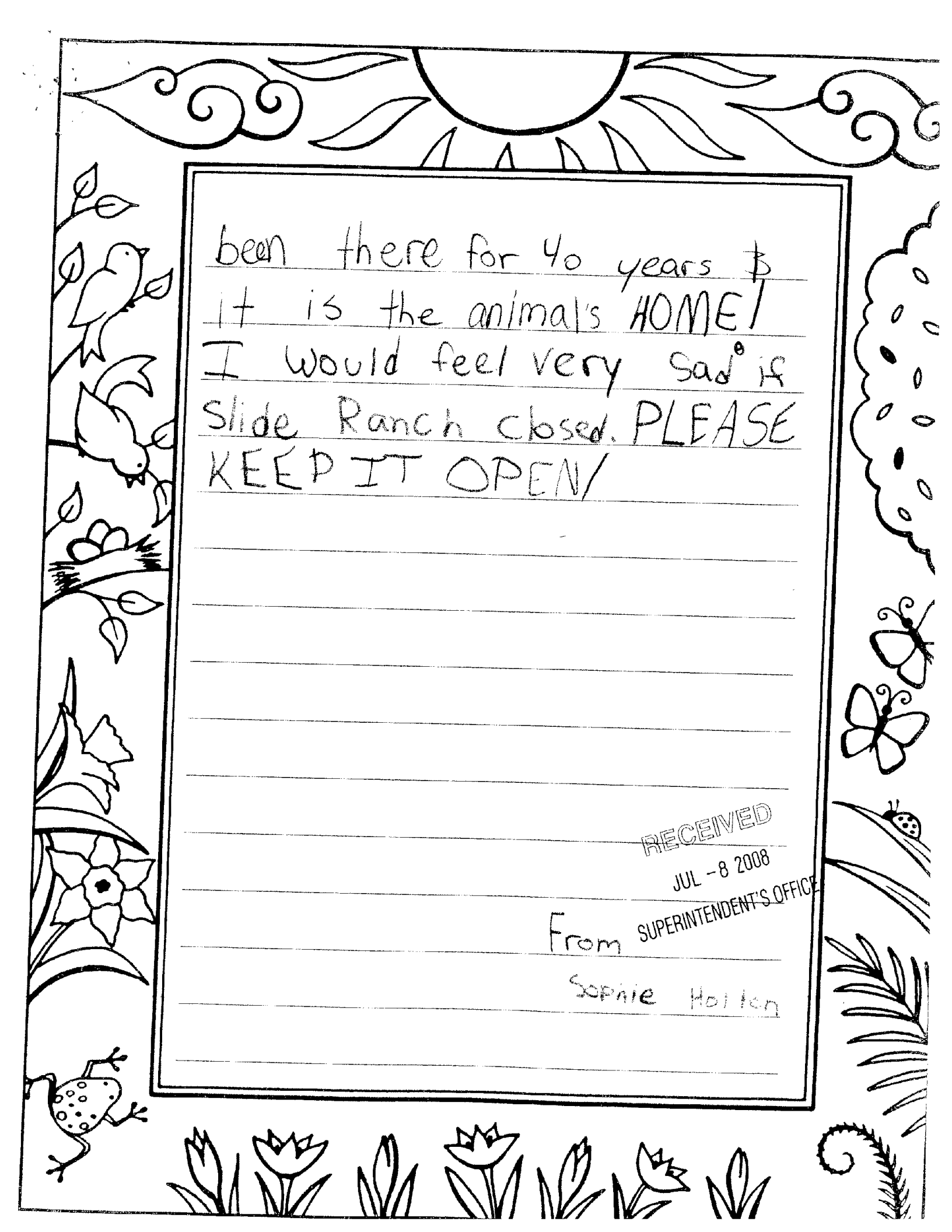
John Jarvis
Regional Director
National Park Service
1111 Jackson St, #700
Oakland, CA 94607
June 10, 2008

Dear Mr. Jarvis,
Please Mr. Jarvis,
please don't close Slide Ranch.
My class visited there last
month and I had a great
time. Slide Ranch is very
important to me because
kids learn & discover lots of

cool stuff that way.

My favorite
things to do at Slide Ranch
are to climb on the rocks
at the water & hold
a chicken & milk a goat.
If you keep Slide Ranch
open, other classes will have
the same chance and as
much fun as I did.

Please keep
Slide Ranch where it is
now because it has



been there for 40 years &
it is the animal's HOME!
I would feel very sad if
Slide Ranch closed. PLEASE
KEEP IT OPEN!

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From

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Sophie Holten

Giulia

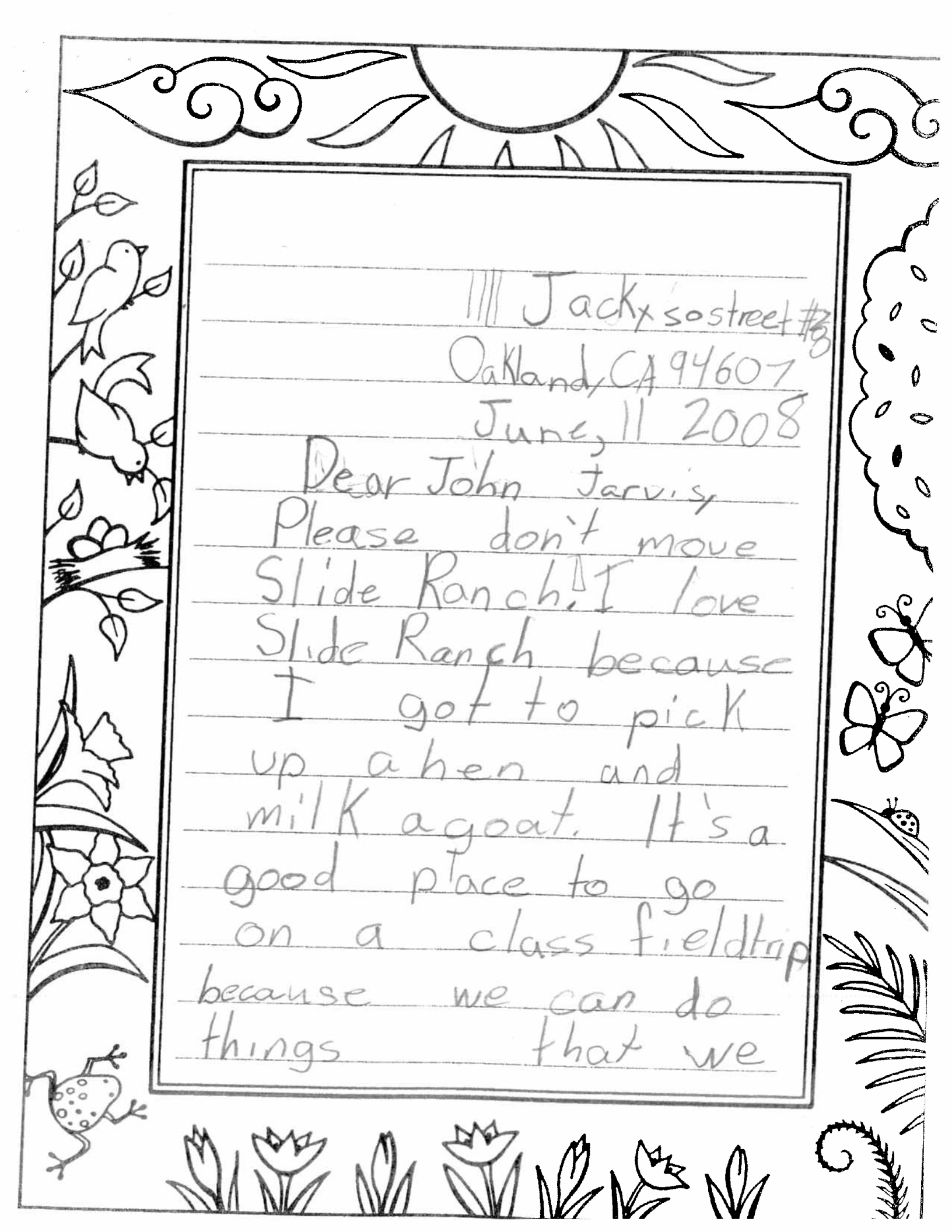
Dear John Jarvis,
Please, please, please, leave
Slide Ranch where it is.
I love Slide Ranch, and when
we went on our field trip it
was my first time but I
think it's the funnest place for
a classroom to go to. It's an
amazing place, and plus what
will happen to the other second
graders? They can't miss going
to the seashore, going through the
secret tunnel, milking goats and
other spectacular stuff to do.
Slide Ranch is important to me

Giulia

and other elementary kids because people like me want to come back with their family, we want to show our parents what we did and we want to have our birthday parties there. I would feel steaming mad, awfully sad that Slide Ranch would close down.

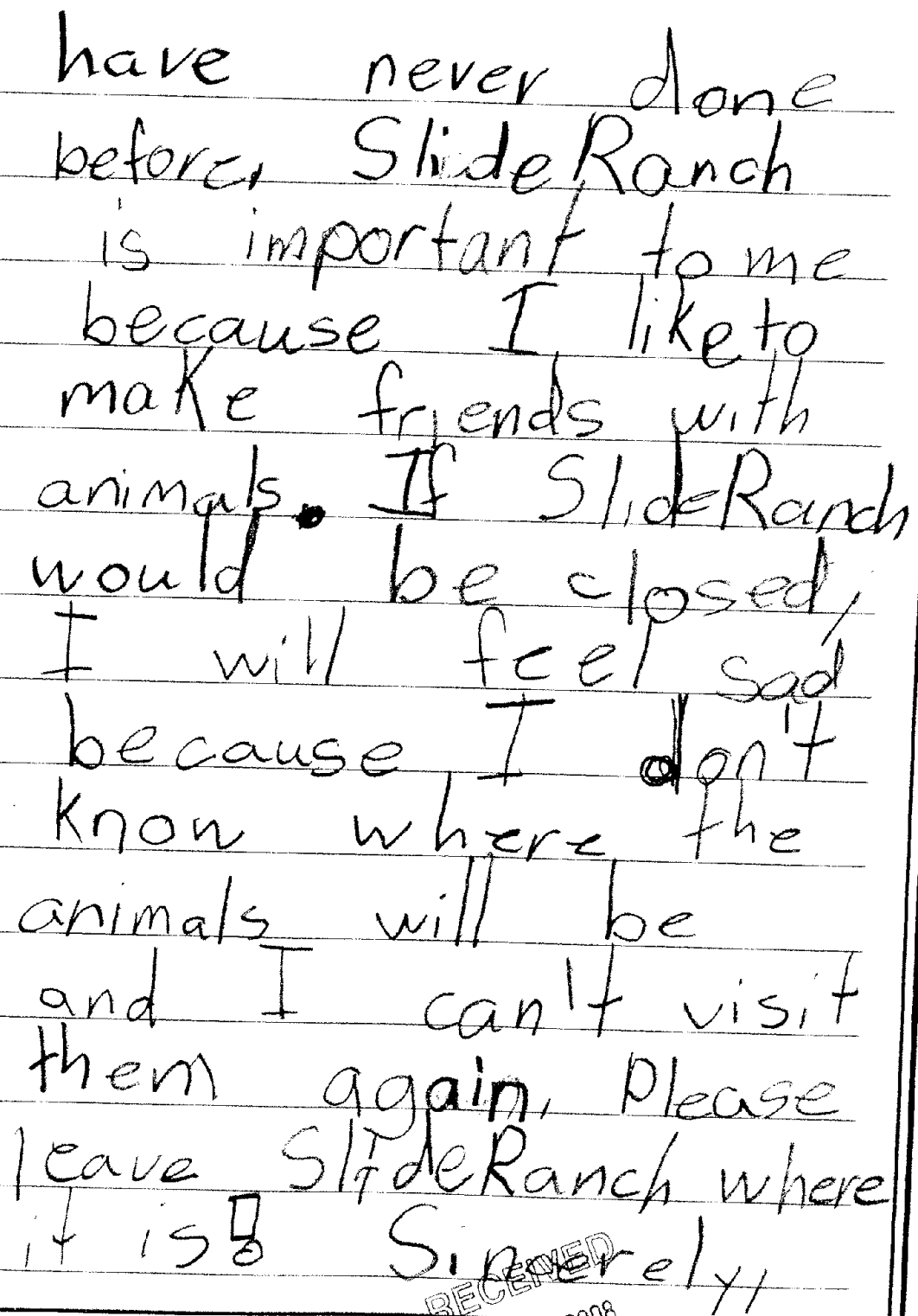
Sincerely,
Giulia Armiero Room 1

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Jack's street #3
Oakland, CA 94607
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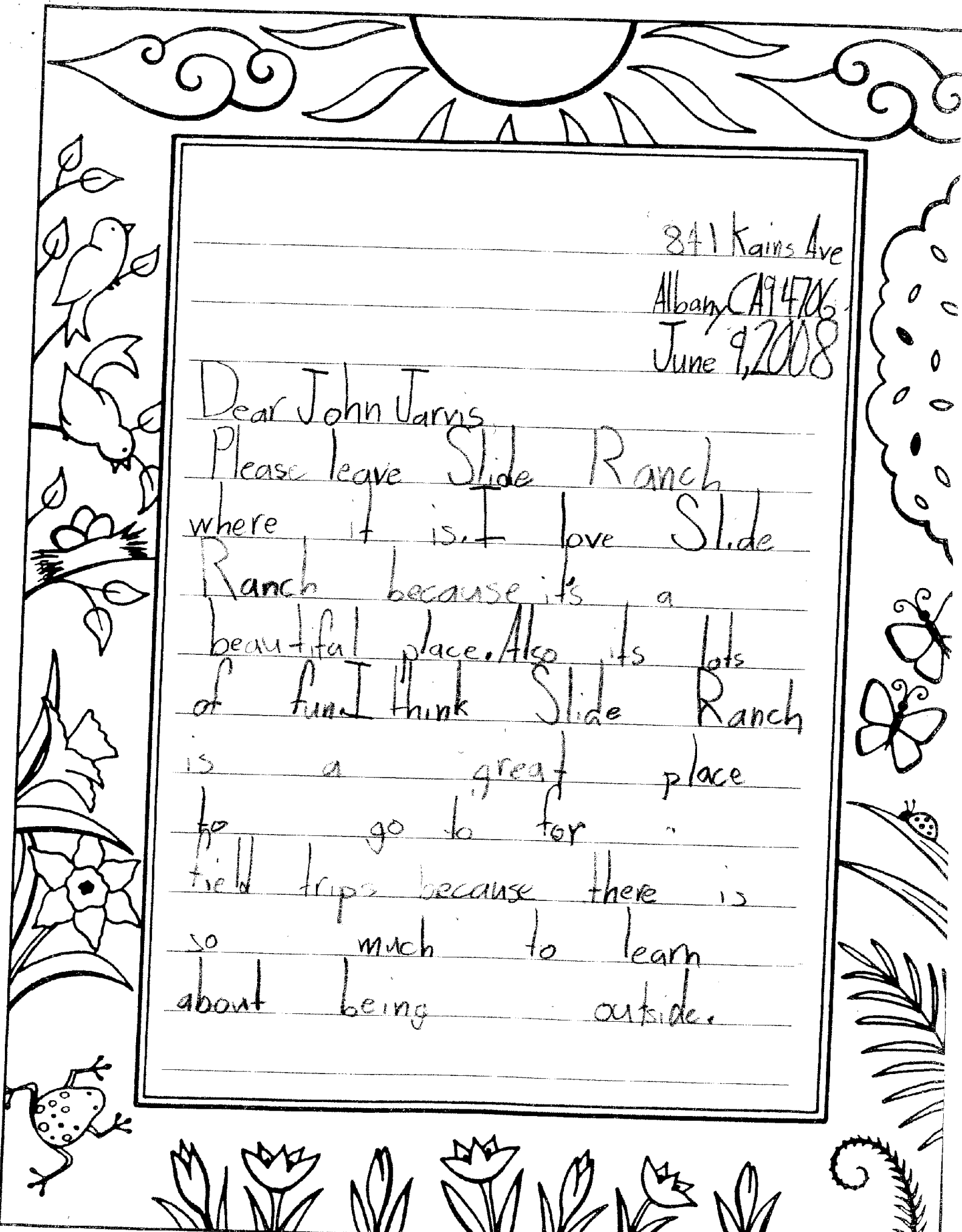
Dear John Jarvis,
Please don't move
Slide Ranch. I love
Slide Ranch because
I got to pick
up a hen and
milk a goat. It's a
good place to go
on a class fieldtrip
because we can do
things that we



have never done
before. Slide Ranch
is important to me
because I like to
make friends with
animals. If Slide Ranch
would be closed,
I will feel sad
because I don't
know where the
animals will be
and I can't visit
them again. Please
leave Slide Ranch where
it is! Sincerely,

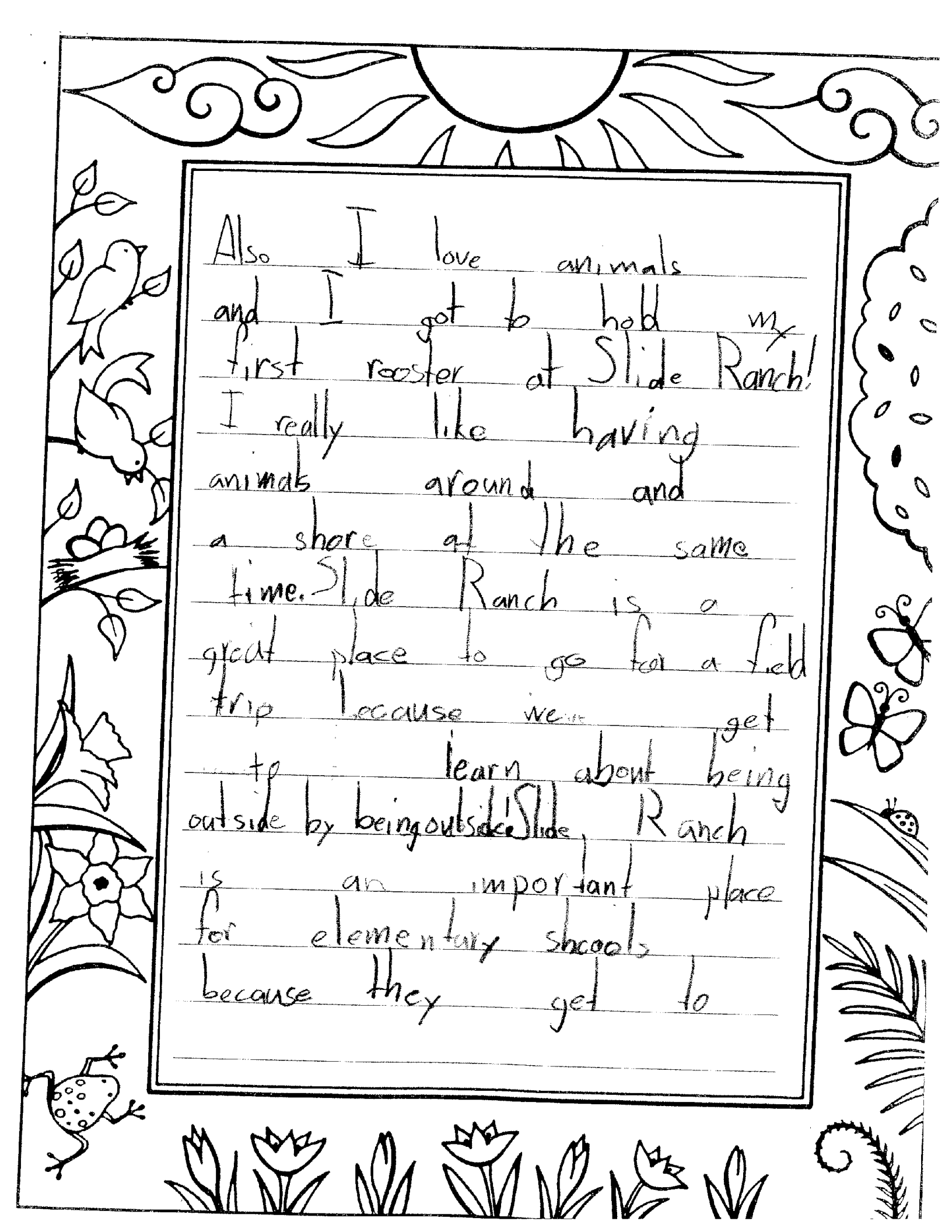
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Ana Hager

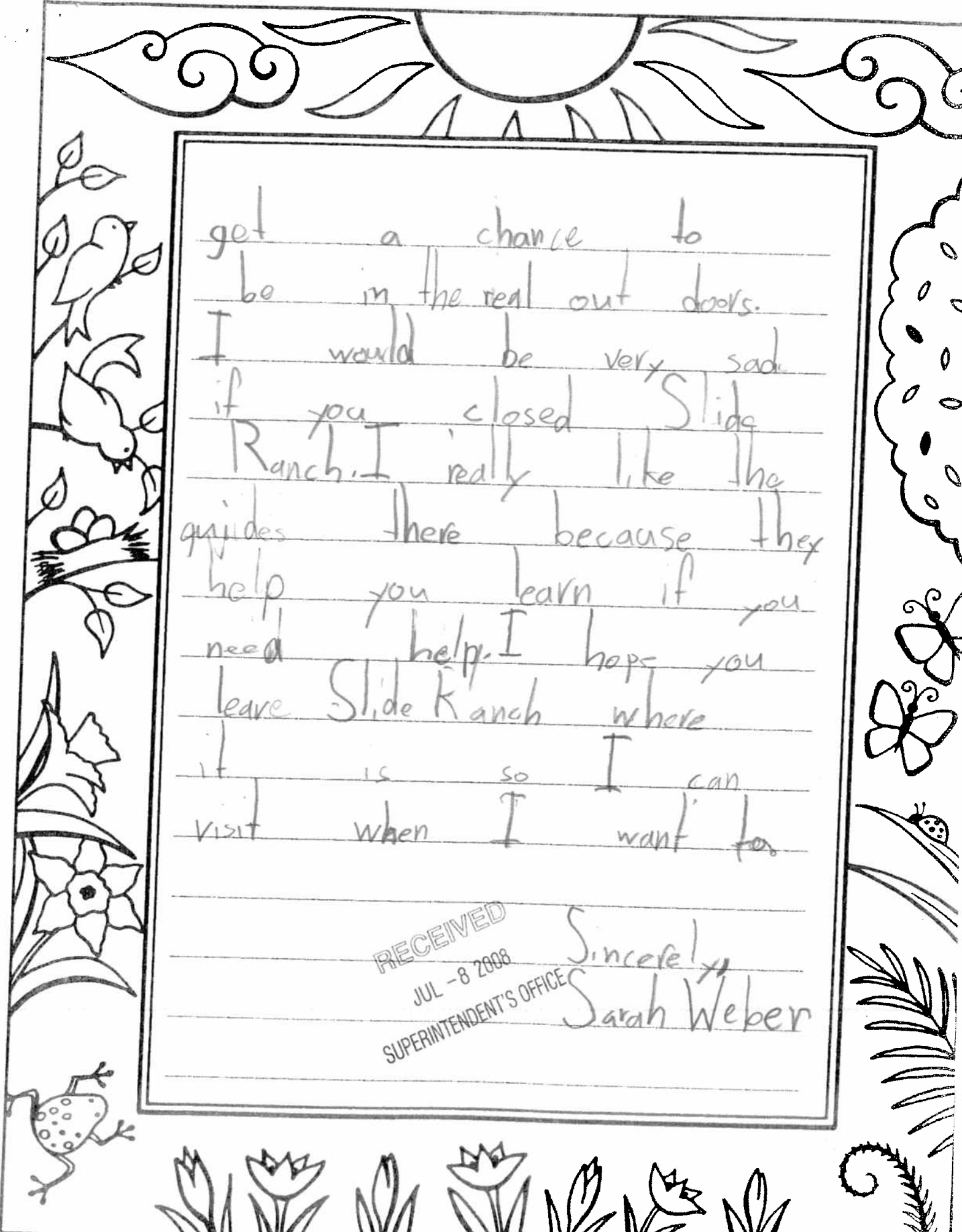


841 Kains Ave
Albany, CA 94706
June 9, 2008

Dear John Jarvis
Please leave Slide Ranch
where it is. I love Slide
Ranch because it's a
beautiful place. Also it's lots
of fun. I think Slide Ranch
is a great place
to go to for
field trips because there is
so much to learn
about being outside.



Also I love animals
and I got to hold ^{my}
first rooster at Slide Ranch!
I really like having
animals around and
a shore at the same
time. Slide Ranch is a
great place to go for a field
trip because we get
to learn about being
outside by being outside. Slide Ranch
is an important place
for elementary schools
because they get to



get a chance to
be in the real out doors.
I would be very sad
if you closed Slide
Ranch. I really like the
guides there because they
help you learn if you
need help. I hope you
leave Slide Ranch where
it is so I can
visit when I want to.

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Sincerely,
Sarah Weber

Karen

Why are you closing
Slide Ranch. You should leave
it how it is. I love Slide-
Ranch you should not close
Slide Ranch. Slide Ranch is
a beautiful place. Please don't
close it down. Slide Ranch
is a good place for field
trips. Slide Ranch is important
to me because it takes
care of Nature. I feel so
sad because you should not
close Slide Ranch. Please
don't close Slide Ranch.

Sincerely Karen Morales

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Tina R

Dear John Jarvis
Would you please leave
Slide Ranch where it is? I
love Slide Ranch. I love the
Ocean and I love the beautiful
animals. Slide Ranch is a nice
and beautiful place for other
classes to go to because
most people might like nature.
Slide Ranch is important to
me because the bone hill is
special. I will feel sad and
angry at the same time if
you close Slide Ranch. I love
Slide Ranch so much!

Final

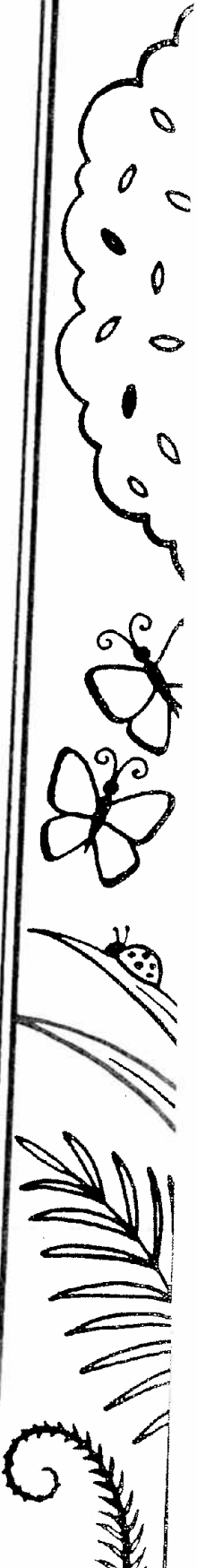
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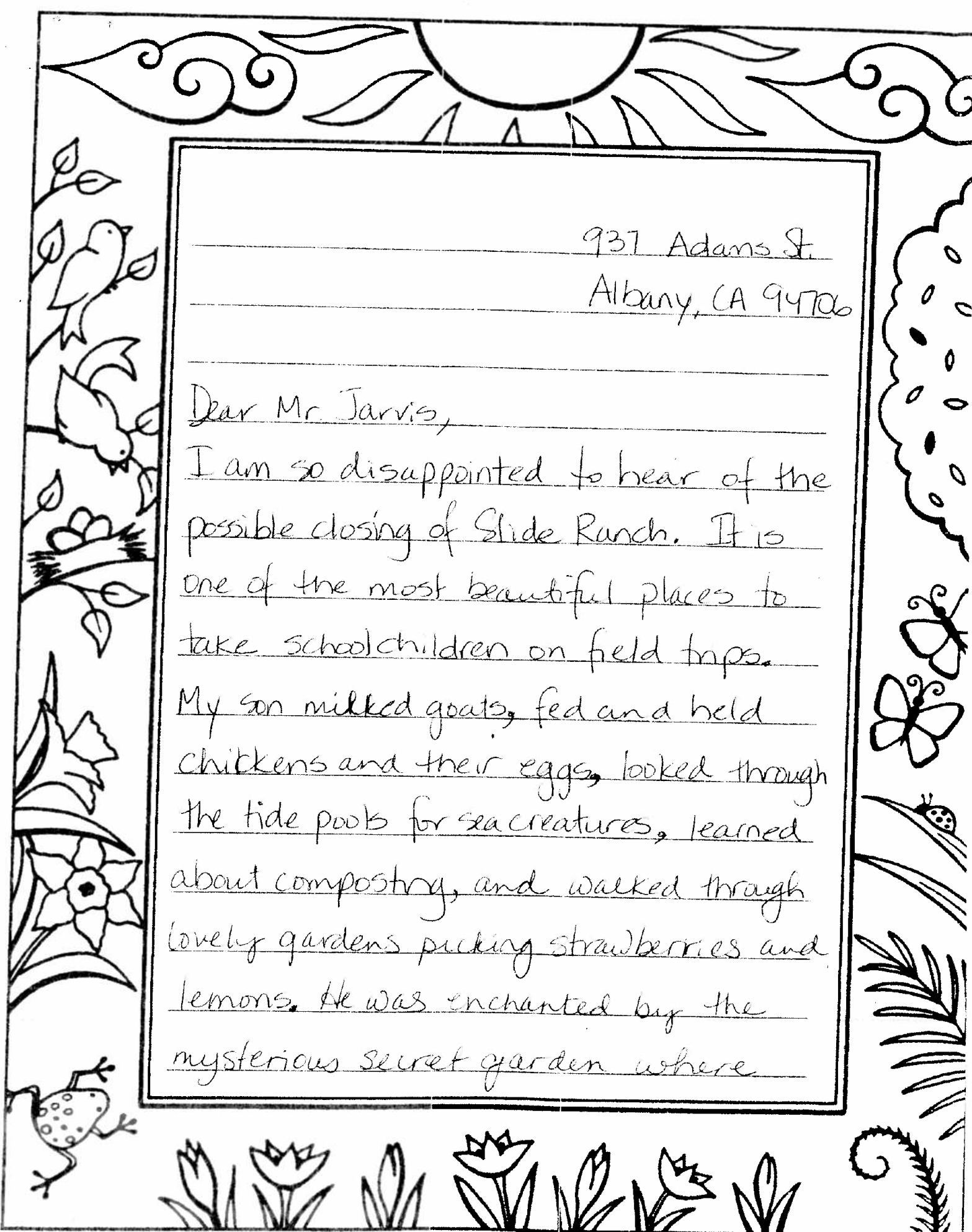
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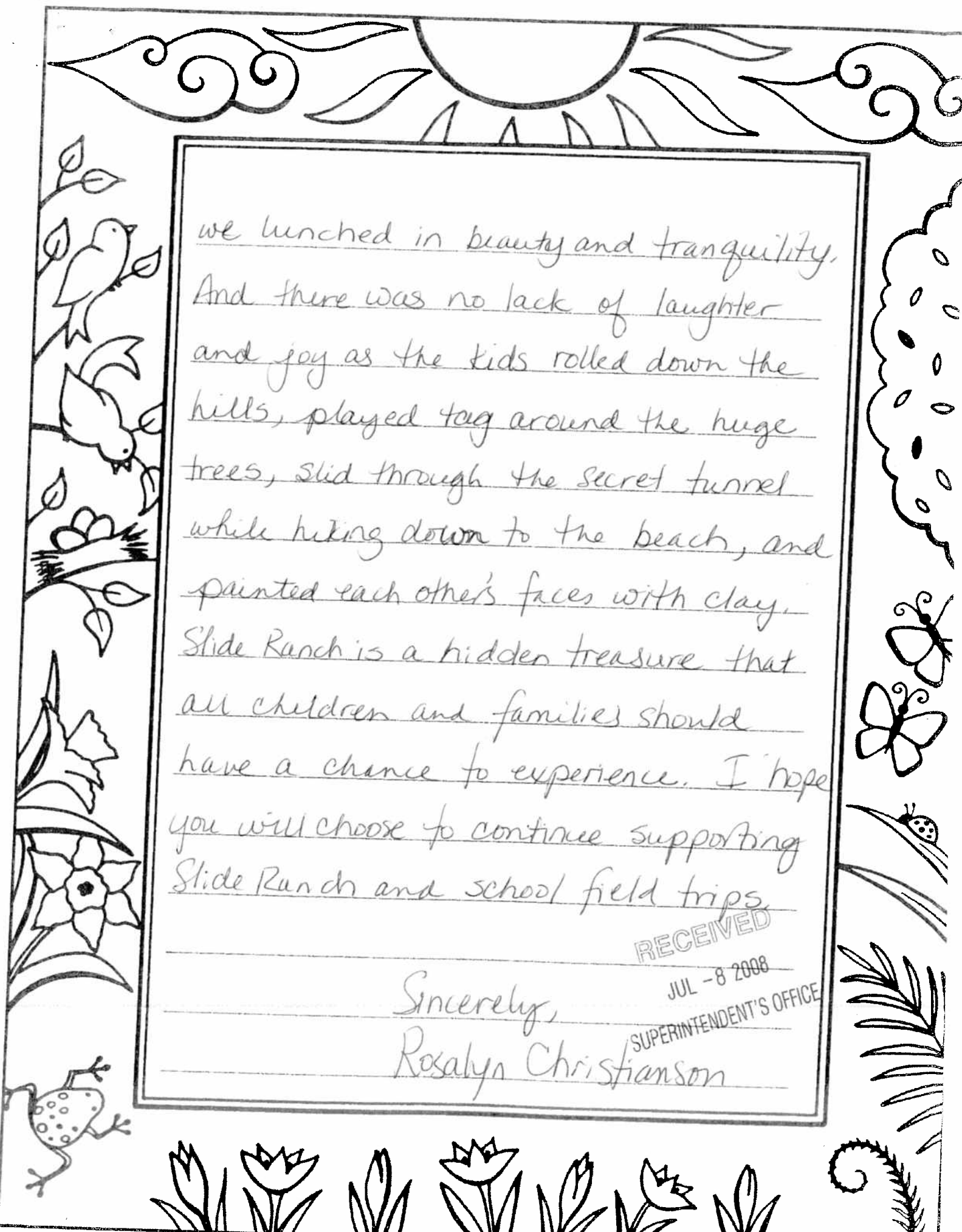
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937 Adams St.
Albany, CA 94706

Dear Mr. Jarvis,
I am so disappointed to hear of the possible closing of Slide Ranch. It is one of the most beautiful places to take schoolchildren on field trips. My son milked goats, fed and held chickens and their eggs, looked through the tide pools for sea creatures, learned about composting, and walked through lovely gardens picking strawberries and lemons. He was enchanted by the mysterious secret garden where



we lunched in beauty and tranquility,
And there was no lack of laughter
and joy as the kids rolled down the
hills, played tag around the huge
trees, slid through the secret tunnel
while hiking down to the beach, and
painted each other's faces with clay.
Slide Ranch is a hidden treasure that
all children and families should
have a chance to experience. I hope
you will choose to continue supporting
Slide Ranch and school field trips.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Christianson

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Preservation of Equestrian Facilities in GGNRA

To: Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

From: Friends, boarders and management of **Shamrock Ranch**, Pacifica, CA

Re: (1) Support for preservation of **equestrian facilities**:
Ember Ridge, Picardo Ranch (Millwood), Moss Beach Ranch, Renegade Ranch,
Ocean View Stables, Presidio Riding Club, Miwok Stables and Golden Gate Dairy.

(2) Support for continued equestrian access to **riding trails**:
Milagra Ridge, Sheldance Nursery area, Sweeney Ridge, Cattle Hill, Mori Point,
Pedro Point, Devil's Slide, San Pedro Mountain, Rancho Corral de Tierra,
SFPUC Watershed easements (all south of San Francisco), as well as trails in
Marin County and San Francisco that are located on GGNRA lands.

We the undersigned seek to preserve the existing equestrian facilities and trail access which may in the future be affected by decisions taken by your General Management Planning Team – GGNRA. The above-named stables have successfully operated for decades in our local areas. These facilities are well known and highly utilized. Most are at or near full capacity, confirming the enduring popularity of horseback riding and the continuing urgent need for horse boarding facilities in these coastal areas. Our stables enjoy wide public support and aid many sectors of the local economy (hay and grain production, feed stores, tack stores, online providers, veterinarians, farriers, instructors, rodeos, shows, restaurants, etc.). All of these interests would suffer loss of income if riding or horse boarding opportunities were reduced.

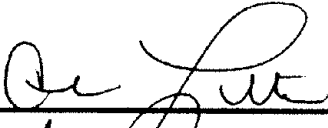
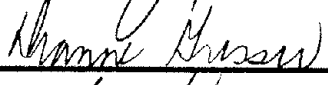
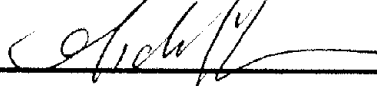

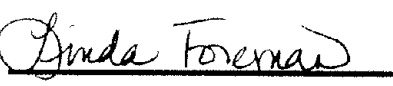
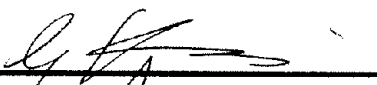
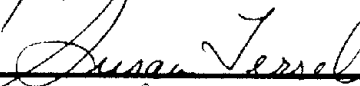



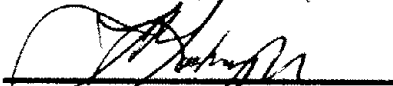



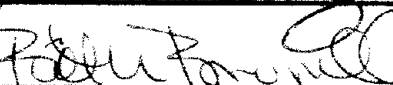
As urban areas encroach on rural preserves, it becomes all the more important that the government recognize that before the advent of GGNRA our equine facilities were already responsible and established custodians of these lands. The trails have been well cared for and maintained. Precautions have been taken not to pollute the seasonal streams. Buildings have been kept to a minimum. We continue to be good stewards of the land.

With the continued high level of interest in horseback riding, horse camps for children, hourly lessons and horse boarding, it is only reasonable that the local facilities be allowed to continue operating in our coastal areas. Urban residents enjoy these traditional pastimes and value the proximity of our stables to the cities. As construction encroaches on open spaces it becomes more difficult to maintain equestrian facilities. Nevertheless, riding remains very

popular and we the undersigned need and support our equestrian facilities in the planned Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Thank you for your attention to our petition and please find attached signatures supporting the continuance and enhancement of our equestrian facilities under your management.

Shamrock Ranch, Pacifica, CA:

Print Name	Signature	City of Residence
ALAN Little		SOMMERS CANYON
Dianne Gresser		SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Michael Yablon		SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Lisa Rhodes		SAN MATEO COUNTY
Linda Foreman		PACIFICA, CA
Gabrielle Kriegs		SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Susan Terrell		SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Connie Suzuki		S.F., CA
Robert Sheppard		" "
Jon Mickelson		SAN FRANCISCO CA
Lucia Lachmayr		Daly City, CA
Melissa Mursch		SAN FRANCISCO CA
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July 16, 2008

National Park Service - General Management Planning Team - GGNRA
Denver Service Center
12795 West Alameda Parkway
Denver, CO 80225-0287

Dear GGNRA Planning staff:

I am responding to the alternatives that are proposed for the new general plan for the parks. I am an equestrian and I support the majority of the concepts in Alternative 1, however Alternative 1 does not apply to all the area. The final plan should take into account the need to retain existing stables, provide more trails (especially a variety of different length loop trails) and regional connections, provide adequate rig parking for equestrians, identify water sources for livestock, and provide unpaved trail surfaces for both joggers, bicyclists and horses. I also support multi-use trails, with the exception of the trails in the Phleger Estate. Creation of volunteer trail patrols is vital to provide "eyes and ears" in the new property.

In Marin County I support the position of the Marin Horse Council and want to go on record as supporting the continued presence of the horse facilities and increases in access to trails. The final plan must address the presence and requirements of equestrians.

In San Mateo County I support most of the proposals in Alternative 1 for all the properties. The final plan should take into account the diverse nature of the land in San Mateo County and MUST allow for the continued presence of the horse facilities. The areas that have not traditionally been open to equestrians in the GGNRA should be re-examined and those properties opened up where possible. I support the details that ETRAC and the Coastside Horse Council have proposed.

I would like to address the issue of the lands in the Rancho Corral de Tierra parcel. This is a new acquisition and must be carefully planned. Horsemen are committed to multi-use in this area. Alternative 1 should be amended to preserve stables where they are because they provide for quality of life for the Coastside area and San Mateo County as a whole. This is a large enough area that dogs on leash could be allowed.

The plan should also address existing trails and roads which should be kept and maintained for equestrian use. These trails provide a critical regional links from North to South and along the Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment. Most of these are appropriate multi-use trails and good for dogs on leash and in many areas off-leash.

Thank you for the opportunity to give you my comments.

Sincerely yours,

TM Smith
Thomas McGinn Smith
165 East 72nd, #3
New York, NY 10021

Date: July 9, 2008

To: Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

From: Jane J. VanderWerf

Re: **Preservation of Equestrian Facilities in GGNRA**

(1) Support for preservation of **equestrian facilities**:

Ember Ridge, Picardo Ranch (Millwood), SFPUC Watershed easements, Moss Beach Ranch, Ocean View Stables, Renegade Ranch, Presidio Riding Club, Miwok Stables and Golden Gate Dairy.

(2) Support for continued equestrian access to **riding trails**:

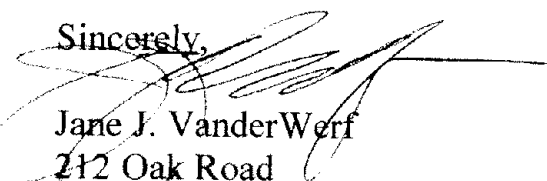
Milagra Ridge, Sheldance Nursery area, Sweeney Ridge, Cattle Hill, Mori Point, Pedro Point, Devil's Slide, San Pedro Mountain (all south of San Francisco), Phleger Estate as well as trails in Marin County and in San Francisco that are located on GGNRA lands.

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to request that the GGNRA preserve existing equestrian facilities and trail access referenced above. I have been living and riding horses in the Bay Area for over 20 years now. My 10 year old daughter is just now old enough to begin trail riding in these areas. We were planning to go on a horse camping trip into the Sierra next weekend but due to the high cost of fuel we are changing our plans and will ride and camp on local trails instead. In this era of greater eco-consciousness and conservation it is critical that trails and equestrian facilities remain accessible to those who live in the Bay Area. Horses and horseback riding play an important role in keeping the Bay Area in touch with our environment. Please keep in mind that the decisions you make will impact generations to come and this unique way for them to appreciate the beauty of the Bay Area and encourage its protection.

Thank you for supporting the continuance and enhancement of our equestrian facilities under your management.

Sincerely,



Jane J. VanderWerf
212 Oak Road
Alamo, CA 94507

We Want to Preserve our Stables and trails in the GGNRA

To: Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

From: Children and teens taking riding lessons

Re: 1. Support for preservation of equestrian facilities:

- Ember Ridge Equestrian Center
- Picardo Ranch (Millwood Ranch)
- Moss Beach Stables
- Renegade Ranch
- Ocean View Stables, Presidio Riding Club
- Miwok Stables
- Golden Gate Dairy

2. Support for continued equestrian access to riding trails: Milagra Ridge, Shell dance Nursery area, Sweeney Ridge, Cattle Hill, Mori Point, Pedro Point, Devil's Slide, San Pedro Mountain, Rancho Corral de Tierra, SFPUC Watershed easements (All south of San Francisco) as well as trails in Marin County and San Francisco that are located on GGNRA lands

Why we want to keep stables and trails on the GGNRA park lands: (use extra paper as necessary)

In the last nine years, my daughter has enjoyed taking riding lessons at the various equestrian facilities listed above. This has been a vital part of her life. It not only gives her opportunities to be in the nature and be with animals, an important aspect of life learning, but also cultivated her acute sense of protecting the environment and appreciation of the natural beauty the well preserved area can offer.

Equestrian activities has proven to be one of the excellent ways to raise a confident and resourceful child, who needs to balance out the pressure of modern urban life. Our family lives in Burlingame and these facilities are the closest for us to access. We definitely would like to support the preservation of these stables and riding trails, so the local residents can have more

Name Shihua Wang Age 50 City of Residence Burlingame Stables Ember Ridge
Chances to enjoy the nature!