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Farming for A Day

“Farming for a Day” is back and bigger than ever under a larger tent for this year’s 2014 Schuylkill County Fair. The Farming for the Day is adding several new activity stations. In the tent this year there are stations where young and old alike can make a living necklace to wear proudly. While creating a living necklace, add some more jewelry to your collection by creating pasta jewelry. Adding to these two stations is the corn grinding station. Here, using more muscle, children may grind corn into cornmeal and wheat into flour. View the drone bees in action making honey in the hive and try to pick out the queen bee. Back again at one of the activity stations children are able to squeeze a pail of sweet creamy milk. This is from the model milking cow presented by the Dunn Family in memory of Robert “Bobby” Dunn. Learning by doing at this activity station enable children to learn how much work is involved with milking dairy cows two – three times a day and that chocolate milk does not come from brown cows. Bobby Dunn, through his “heart of a kid and patience” as an ambassador of agriculture, would have like children to learn that it takes a lot of work to produce that cold refreshing glass of milk. From the milking station, kids can churn butter from sweet cream donated by Guers Dairy. Cluck like a chicken when you make a chicken clunker out of a plastic cup and string.

Grow some hair on a head with the soil Sam (chia-pet). Go buggy when making the flying grasshopper. Play a game of corn bag toss.

These new activity stations are just part of the many other activity stations found in the Farming for a Day tent. The successful hands on activity centers returning from last year include, but are not limited to picking apples, and gathering eggs from nesting boxes. Thank Tri-Valley FFA as children are able to dig up real potatoes growing in a sandbox garden and play in a corn filled or soybean (sand) box. Card some wool for a winter sweater or grind some wheat to make flour. Nearby stalks of corn with ears show children how corn is grown.

Also, new this year is quiet corner where kids can quietly sit and have a story read to them or color in the Fair's coloring book with soy crayons. The Schuylkill County Reading Council has brought back story time to the Fair. Every evening in the Farming for A Day Tent, stories about Agriculture will be read by members of the Reading Council at 6 PM.

Stop by the Farming for a Day tent and learn about the life of a farmer. While you are in the tent, say a big thank you to the Tri-Valley FFA and the Dunn Family for making the Farming for the Day possible. It is their commitment to Agriculture and a strong work ethic shown by both the Dunn Family and Tri-Valley FFA. The children are our future and Agriculture is what makes that future strong. To find out more about this event or others happening at the Schuylkill County Fair visit us at www.schuylkillfair.com and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.