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## SPRING INTO SUMMER WITH RAINBEAU RIDGE

### *Sheep Shearing April 26<sup>th</sup>, Cooking Classes & Summer Programs*

Rainbeau Ridge is pleased to announce its annual **Sheep Shearing festival** to be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of great fun on the farm. Throughout the event, the farm's many different breeds of sheep will get their annual shearing and visitors can feel the wool and lanolin both before and after shearing. Live music will be played all afternoon as activities to interest all ages will be taking place around the farm. Price is \$30/family; \$25 for members and current kids' program families; no advance registration required; rain or shine.

**Kids' Program Registration** is underway for the Summer 2009 programs. We are offering a full range of programs for children from age 2 through third grade! Rainbeau Ridge programs offer a unique, hands-on experience for all participants who will have the opportunity to work in the garden, meet and play with the farm's livestock and make connections between nature and their lives. Programs begin June 29<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited, so early registration is highly recommended.

**In Lisa's Kitchen** cooking classes offer our largest line-up ever, starting April 20<sup>th</sup> and continuing throughout the season into the summer. Registrations are now being accepted for these classes through on-line sign-up. New chefs and new classes have been added featuring recipes with spring ingredients, including: Bill Taibe of Napa & Co.; Phil McGrath of Iron Horse Grill; Tim LaBant of The Schoolhouse at Cannondale; Elizabeth Briggs of the Culinary Institute; and many more!

**Open Farm Day Saturdays** begin on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. For \$10 per family, visitors can enjoy the farm, visit with the animals and tour the gardens. Visitors are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy a leisurely afternoon surrounded by the beauty of nature. Visitors can have lunch with llamas in view and the peacock's beautiful colors adding richness to the palate! (Note that Open Farm Days continue every Saturday through August 22<sup>nd</sup> except for July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>. No advance registration required; rain or shine.)

The annual **Family Farm Overnight** will be held this year from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Space is available for a limited number of families to get an insider's view of the farm, participate in chores and fun activities, stay overnight in their own tents, wake up to the sounds of nature and enjoy a farm fresh breakfast. Registrations are now being accepted.

Details, more information and registration for all programs and activities are available on the website at [RainbeauRidge.com](http://RainbeauRidge.com). Questions? Send an e-mail to [info@rainbeauridge.com](mailto:info@rainbeauridge.com).

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