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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tour of Marion County Horse Farms

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3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Symposium Registration

3:00 p.m. – Tradeshow Exhibits open

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

8:00 – Roundtable discussions

8:00 – Teen orientation & activity

9:30 - 11:00 p.m. - Karaoke

Saturday, February 4, 2006

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 12:20 – Concurrent Session on three tracks:

Youth Development – Tools and Games – Successful Programs

10:45 – 1:30 - Teen activity with horses, Pizza party

12:20 – 1:20 – LUNCH – on your own

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Live Horse Demonstrations

6:00 p.m. – General Membership Meeting

7:30 p.m. – Awards Banquet – Separately ticketed event

Sunday, February 3, 2006

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – Youth Presentations

8:30 a.m. – Speaker

9:30 – 12:30 – Concurrent sessions on three tracks:

Training Successful Teams - Industry Issues – Successful Programs

12:30 Sessions Conclude

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Tour University of Florida Equine Facility

NATIONAL YOUTH HORSE LEADERS
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Name: _____

Note: If you are registering more than one person, please list all names on a separate sheet.

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For bus scheduling please indicate if you will be using the bus between the arena & hotel on Sat(3 mi) Yes___No___

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	Early Bird (By 1/5/05)	After 1/5/06
_____ Participant	\$35	\$40
(Includes lunch, transportation and tour of horse farms)		

2006 National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium

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_____ Teen Leader (14-19)	\$65	\$85
(Includes Reception Fri. nt, Sat. Continental breakfast, Pizza lunch for teens on Sat. Sunday full breakfast and breaks)		
_____ Awards Banquet Sat. nt.	\$25	\$30

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2006 AYHC Membership Dues:

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_____ \$100 Organization
_____ \$40 Local Horse Club or Family
_____ \$25 Adult Leader
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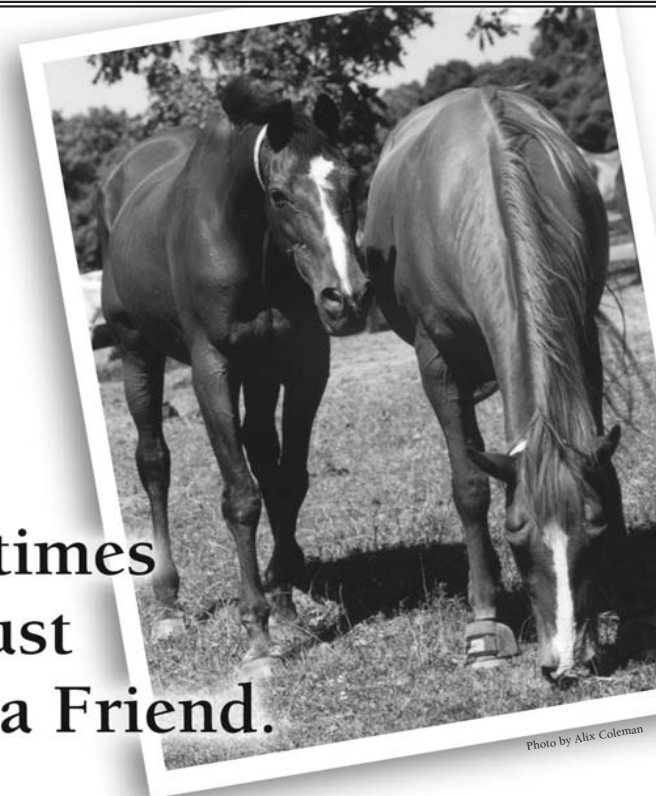


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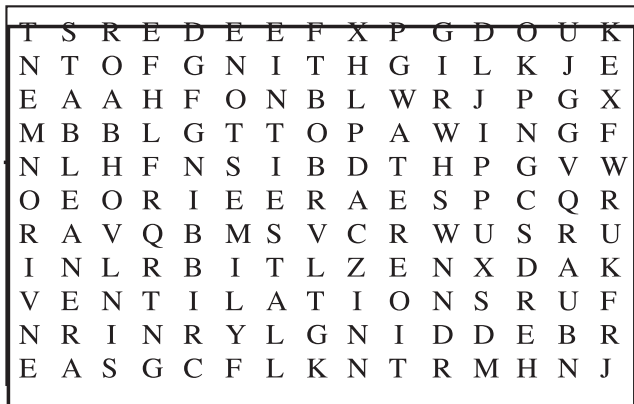
Home on the Range (Continued from Page 6)

Consideration No. 3: Fresh Air. Proper ventilation, or the exchange of air in the barn is important to prevent respiratory ailments, manage gas and vapor buildup and maintain good air quality. A rule of thumb: Provide at least one foot of ridge ventilation for each horse or stall in the barn. There should be at least four to eight air changes per hour in an adequately ventilated barn. Other factors effecting air ventilation include the prevailing winds, the number of horses and the climatic conditions. Remember horses tolerate cold very well, so a tightly closed heated barn is generally more comfortable for the humans than it is for the horses.

Consideration No. 4: Company. Horses are herd animals. Continuous separation from other horses can lead to behavioral problems. When designing a barn, situating the stalls so horses can see one another can help them be more relaxed in the barn. A large exercise area such as an arena or pasture can provide the stabled horse some time to socialize and exercise. When confined to a stall, many horses will become bored and develop vices such as cribbing, pawing or weaving. A horse requires daily exercise, make sure he has time to stretch his legs everyday, especially if he's kept in a stall, whether it's riding, longeing or turning him out into a paddock or pasture.

Pony Pad Word Find:

Find 15 words that are important for your horse's house.



CALL FOR AYHC BOARD NOMINATIONS

AYHC's Nominating Committee is looking for highly motivated, committed, professional and capable individuals that are knowledgeable about the horse industry and the youth horse industry for service on the board. Candidates must be willing to take on a national commitment and leadership for national committees.

Board members are elected for two-year terms. They are asked to travel to two (2) board meetings and participate in four (4) additional teleconference meetings each year. Board members are asked to chair an AYHC Committee or to lead at least one major project each year. Board members must be AYHC members in good standing at the time of election, held at the annual meeting, February 4, 2006.

If you would like to make a nomination or nominate yourself, please send a minimum of the following information for each nominee:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- E-mail
- 3-4 sentences about the person's qualifications
- 2-3 sentences stating the reason that this person would be an excellent candidate to be an AYHC Board Member.

Please email to info@ayhc.com or mail to:

Kent Sturman
AYHC Nominating
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- Horse Industry Product and Service Discounts and Incentives
- Leadership Excellence Recognition Program Eligibility
- Membership Renewal Incentives
- Networking Opportunities
- Research and Statistics on the Impact of Equine Activities for Youth
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- AYHC Event Registration Discounts are extended to all members of the club or family.

Leader – \$25 All Basic Benefits.

Student Leader – \$15 All Basic Benefits.

AYHC memberships run 12 months from date of receipt of membership application with payment. As this anniversary date membership program is relatively new, the majority of members still have a renewal date of Dec. 31, 2004 for their dues.

Members' Upcoming Events (continued)

Model Horse Jubilee
Oct. 7-9, 2005
Fairplex Complex
Pomona, CA
www.stonehorses.com

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo
October 14-16, 2005
Grand Junction, Colorado
www.rockymountainhorseexpo.com

2005 World Championship Appaloosa Show
Oct. 28-Nov. 5, 2005
Fort Worth, Texas
www.appaloosa.com

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup
November 5 & 6, 2005
Louisville, KY
www.livestockexpo.org

2005 AQHA World Championship Show
November 5-19, 2005
State Fair Park
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
www.aqha.org

Equine Affair
November 10-13, 2005
West Springfield, MA
www.equineaffair.com

Stone Henge Peach State Live 2005 Model Horse Show
November 19, 2005
Snellville, GA
www.stonehorses.com

NHSRA/AYHC HORSECITY.COM ONLINE AUCTION

The National High School Rodeo Association continued its outstanding support of AYHC by allowing our participation in their online auction hosted by AYHC supporter Horsecity.com.

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The auction takes donated items and sells them online to bidders across the country with the proceeds benefiting the AYHC's Grants and Scholarship Fund. AYHC supporters donated items ranging from a saddle and tack to books and artwork. When the auction wrapped up on August 15th, 2005 nearly \$2000 was raised to be utilized as grants and scholarships to those who apply to AYHC for assistance.

Thanks to those who so generously donated items to the online auction!

**United States Pony Club
American Vaulting Association
AYHC Board Member Chris Whitney
The Appaloosa Youth Association
AYHC Ex. Director Cindy Schonholtz
Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
Rosemarie Rush, Color Pencil Artist
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The highest selling auction items were a Synergist saddle donated by AYHC Board members Chris Whitney, a Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Jacket donated by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and a Resistol 20X Black Gold cowboy hat donated by AYHC Executive Director Cindy Schonholtz.

Members' Upcoming Events

Certified Horsemanship Association International Conference

Sept. 22 - 25, 2005
Seattle, Washington
www.cha-ahse.org

35th Annual American Paint Horse Association Convention and Membership Meeting

Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2005
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia
www.apha.com

American Junior Paint Horse Association 2005 Youth Leadership Conference

Sept. 30—Oct. 1, 2005
Atlanta, Georgia
www.ajpha.com

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo

October 7 - 9, 2005
Durango, Colorado
www.rockymountainhorseexpo.com

Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show

October 8-15, 2005
Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

2005 All-American Quarter Horse Congress Youth events

Columbus, Ohio
October 13 & 14, 2005
<http://horse.osu.edu>

Home on the Range

What does your horse need for a happy, healthy house?

The horse, by nature, is born to roam. Keeping a horse requires restricting his ability to roam to some degree. When given an option, most horses don't spend long periods of time in an enclosed area, such as a stall or stable. Yet barns are an important feature of horsekeeping. Horses need shade from the hot sun and shelter from cold, soaking rains or drafts. Horses can live quite well in a pasture or run with a well-constructed three-sided shelter that offers protection from prevailing winds and precipitation, but this structure may not meet the needs of many owners who want easier access to their horse and storage for their tack, equipment and assorted equine paraphernalia. A well-designed barn can make spending time with your horse easier and more fun.

If you'll stable your horse, use these tips to set up a healthy environment for him.

Consideration No. 1: Sturdy and Safe Stalls. Consider the size and temperament of your horse in determining how large his stall must be. Typical stall sizes are 10-by-10 feet but a large or active horse might be more comfortable in a 12-by-12-foot stall. Even larger stalls are made for brood mares and draft breeds. Stall walls and doors must be made of strong material that can withstand the occasional kick. Stall floors must be made of durable material that's easy to clean, resistant to pawing and has traction. A clay base with a sand and clay top may provide good drainage. A range of stall-freshening products is available for stall floors to keep the stall fresh. An example is limestone dust. Rubber mats can reduce dust and limit damage from pawing, but they may require more bedding to absorb urine than a sand and clay or packed limestone base.

Consideration No. 2: Convenient and useable. Feeders need to be at least 24 inches wide and slanted at the bottom so a horse doesn't hit his knees. Also look at how you'll provide water to your horse if he's confined in the barn. The water hydrant should be recessed from alleyways or otherwise inaccessible to the horses, but close enough to allow for regular watering. Automatic waterers are popular, as well, but make sure they're well grounded and don't have sharp edges. Adequate lighting plays a major role in safety. When choosing the lighting system, remember that horses tend to hesitate moving past areas with high contrast; therefore, avoid shadows and sharp differences between light objects and their background.

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Membership Application

AYHC Memberships run 12 months from the date of receipt of application and payment.

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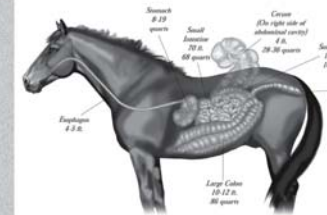
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Test Your Horse Knowledge

What is the normal pulse rate in a horse?

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Answer to Summer Question

The question in the Spring 2005 issue was:

What disease that can affect horses has symptoms similar to hoof and mouth disease?

answer: Vesicular Stomatitis

Vesicular stomatitis affects primarily cattle, swine, and horses, and has been found in many other animals. The disease can cause great concern if livestock are affected, because clinical signs mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease, which hasn't been identified in the United States since 1929. When animals that are susceptible to FMD viruses develop signs, such as sores and blisters, laboratory tests must be performed to differentiate between the two diseases.

Foot-and-mouth disease has been found in cattle, swine, sheep, and other cloven-hoofed animals. Although horses are not susceptible to FMD viruses, the Department of Agriculture issues alerts when vesicular stomatitis is found in horses because of the possibility that the viruses that causes the disease will spread to other livestock, producing signs that can be confused with FMD.

Source:
Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Assn.

AYHC AT WORK: COMMITTEE REPORTS

The work of the American Youth Horse Council is accomplished primarily by the volunteer efforts of our members serving on committees. The organization and implementation of the work is directed by committee chairs and reviewed and approved by the board of directors. It is these committed individuals sharing their expertise, energy, and resources that have allowed the AYHC to continue to grow and create tools and teams that help kids connect through horses. Volunteers are truly the heart of this organization. The following progress reports are meant to communicate the work of the AYHC board to its members. If you have interest in serving on any of these committees please contact the office to be linked up with the committee chair.

Awards and Recognition Committee has accepted nominations for the 2005 National Youth Horse Leader of the Year. The committee will recommend a recipient to the board at the October board meeting. The committee has also outlined criteria and a nomination process for the AYHC Distinguished Service award, which is a board-selected honor given to an adult offering outstanding service, vision, innovation and leadership to the youth-horse industry and AYHC. Candidates will be reviewed and a winner selected at the October board meeting. Recipients of both awards will be announced at the 29th Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium in Gainesville, Florida on February 4, 2006.

Executive Committee is comprised of the AYHC's officers and meets each month to address the oversight of the organization's business operations and staff. They handle the decisions that must be made in between full board meetings, which typically involve inquiries, and issues that are connected to implementation of projects or agreements that the full board has approved. The members of this group respectively chair or serve on AYHC's most active committees. This position enables them to report timely on major projects of the organization.

Finance Committee members include each of the AYHC officers. They are charged with developing and overseeing the budget. The monthly meetings of the Executive Committee double for the finance committee's task as financial reports are filed monthly at the E.C. meeting.

Fundraising Committee worked on the online auction in conjunction with the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA). Results from this auction are on page 7 of this newsletter. NHSRA has agreed to again allow AYHC to participate in the online auction in 2006. They are also investigating other fundraising opportunities.

Grants and Scholarships Committee has solicited applications for grants and scholarships. The proceeds from the NHSRA/AYHC online auction hosted by horsecity.com benefit AYHC's grants and scholarships fund.

Industry Relations Committee crafted a letter that was sent to youth horse associations and educational institutions to introduce or re-acquaint them with AYHC and to begin a networking dialog that will help to realize the mission of AYHC.

Marketing Committee expects to complete the following goals by end of year:

1. Develop matrix of resources.
2. Develop "trade show in a box".
3. Increase number of events where AYHC materials are available. Cindy Schonholtz has created a wonderful Sponsor Brochure detailing both the Corporate Sponsor Program and the Symposium Sponsorship opportunities. Potential sponsors can easily identify and make comparisons between the different levels of sponsorship. It is a great tool and will certainly increase the number of sponsorships.



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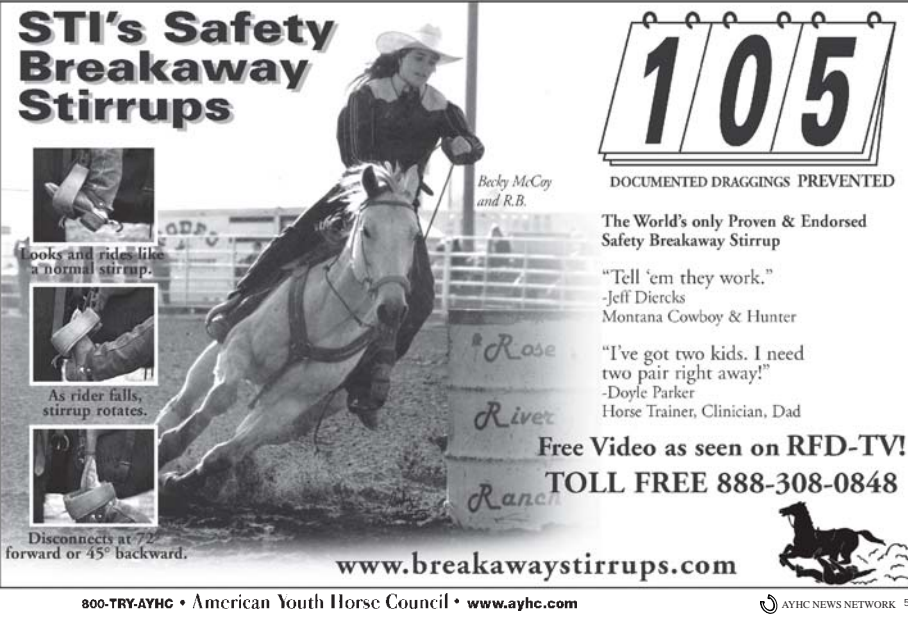
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Of Youth Members or # of Youth Served: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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2006 Membership Directory & Symposium Program

How would you like a phone book for the Youth Horse Industry? A book that captures the major Youth Horse Programs from 4H, Pony Club, and FFA to Breed Associations and Discipline Organizations, and lists major horse related educational resources throughout the country could save the average leader a fair amount of time and energy in developing their youth horse program. This resource sounds a lot like the membership list for the American Youth Horse Council. In a light bulb moment, the opportunity to combine this directory with the Symposium Proceedings Book was recognized for its economy and usefulness.

The Proceedings Book at the National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium has long been more than a simple guide to the event. It has been produced with the idea of providing the participant description of all of the presentations

Committee Looking for Input on Symposium Roundtable Topics

The National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium is scheduled to include a roundtable session for the dual purpose of pooling the group's collective wisdom to identify solutions for some of the youth horse industry's common or current issues and to serve as an icebreaker activity introducing the participants to one another in a constructive activity. In the past between 6 and 12 topics have been addressed in these roundtables and a group discussion moderator and scribe have been assigned to each topic to help keep the discussion moving and productive.

The 2006 Symposium Committee wants to make this experience as meaningful and beneficial as possible. To achieve this goal, they felt it would be important to have feedback from potential participants. As a recipient of this newsletter, you are an excellent representative of the type of person who attends the Symposium and very likely to be able to provide this feedback. So, we are asking you to help in

that would give the participant take home value. Presenters provided abstracts of their presentations and youth horse project ideas intended to benefit a reader who was not able to attend the session. Contact lists for presenters, participants, sponsors and exhibitors are also included. Using this piece as the foundation of the Youth Horse Leaders Program Directory is a natural expansion of the document to make it an even more valuable resource.

So, if your club or organization should be listed in this resource directory, be sure to fill out and return the listing application opposite this article for the 2006 Youth Horse Leaders Program Directory and Symposium Guide. You can also note on your membership renewal notice to include your organization or group in the 2005 Youth Horse Leaders Program Directory.

the design of the roundtable topics by sending an email to AYHC with your answers to the following questions: What topics are important for the youth in your program to have more information about? What topics are challenging to the youth in your group to work on or access? As a leader what topics do you consider important for yourself to have information about? What topics do you consider challenging to work on or access for your group? Examples of the topics presented in the past several years include: keeping competition in perspective, youth and young horses, career opportunities in the horse industry, disease updates, equestrian use of public lands, fundraising for equine activities, and horse-less horse projects. Please send your answers to these questions with ideas for roundtable topics to the via email at info@ayhc.com. Your input and interest in this Symposium is truly valued and will help to make the 2006 event the best yet!

AYHC AT WORK: COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Membership Committee is working on projects to communicate more often with our members and increase membership. These include crafting a Frequently Asked Questions paper about AYHC, distributing AYHC info to board members and others for display at events and venues, starting an email update network and updating AYHC's website more frequently to make it a more useful asset to membership.

Publications Committee has decided to focus on the Equine Diseases and Genetics sections for the next round of Horse Industry Handbook updates.

Topics identified are as follows:

Diseases - EPM, Rabies, Stangles, Vesicular Stomatitis, PSSM, RER, Vaccination Schedule and Equine Colic.

Additionally, the current disease section has been sent to 3 veterinarians for review and updated.

Using Genetics in Horse Breeding - HERDA, HYPP, Inbreeding Systems and Uses, Selection of Breeding Stock, Developing a Breeding Program and Genetics of coat color.

The committee is also working with Peter Stone on the Stone Model Horse book project. The committee has reviewed the book and have ideas on the AYHC's "How to use this manual" page. This is an exciting project for use in "horseless horse" youth program. Finally, the committee is working on creating some fact sheets from the safety manual for publication on AYHC's website.

Research and Statistics Committee reports that the Penn State/AYHC research project is completed. A presentation titled "Profile of Youth Horse Programs and the Relationship between Horse-ship Skills Development and Life Skills Development" was presented at the Equine Science Society gathering in Arizona in May. The abstract was authored by Crystal E Smith, Dr. Ann Swinker, Pat Comerford, Dr. Rama Radhakrishna and Dr. Tracy Hoover. The conclusion of the abstract stated, "The results of this study provide valuable information for youth horse programs. Youth Horse Programs should continue to develop and support programs that focus on the development of horse-ship skills and life skills." A full presentation on the research and how it can be useful to youth horse programs will be presented at the 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium in Gainesville, Florida.

Symposium Committee and the local Florida crew have been working to create a dynamic program for the 2006 NYHLS. Evidence of this committee's work can be found throughout this newsletter. Mark your calendar to attend on February 3 - 5, 2006 in Gainesville, Florida.

Youth an Youth Programs Committee is coordinating with the Symposium Committee to produce the Youth Programs at the Symposium. The goals of this committee include expanding youth involvement in the symposium program and throughout the year.

AYHC NEWS AND NOTES

- ◆ Congratulations to AYHC President Ashley Griffin on becoming an approved judge for the American Paint Horse Association! Additionally, Ashley and her husband will welcome a baby boy in early October!
- ◆ AYHC sends condolences to Past President Pat Comerford on the recent passing of her mother.
- ◆ AYHC in the News! Western Horseman did a nice article on the AYHC Youth Leader of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards being bestowed upon Ethel Coleman and Pat Comerford respectively. Thanks to Western Horseman for their continued support and coverage of AYHC's programs.



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A Message from the President

by Ashley Griffin

As Fall approaches, don't let your involvement with your youth horse clubs wither like the foliage. This time of year is great for rededicating your efforts toward your club's goals and taking advantage of the more regular routine brought about as students return to school.

You never know what kind of impact you will have on the youth you work with until years to come. As a youth, my leader focused much of their time honing our public speaking skills and preparing us to evaluate horses through horse judging competitions. Although I am sure no one expected interest in the area of judging to last beyond our youth days, more than one of us being trained and groomed to evaluate horses have actually gone on to judge professionally and have earned national breed association judging cards. So, you never know what kind of impact you may have on a child's future and delayed gratification may be the reward for your efforts and input.

And as many of you are aware, it is your time, expertise, and willingness to give that keep these youth engaged and sets the example for their volunteerism in the future. In fact, including your youth to volunteer for club causes and be part of the learning curriculum for the group is another great way to stimulate their involvement and overall learning through a higher level of participation. There is no better way to learn something well than to be asked to teach the topic to your peers. The process of preparing and presenting the information teaches youth new life skills and further confirms their knowledge of the subject matter. Just make sure you are asking them to present a topic they are comfortable with and have a some interest in, especially for the first few times. Then you can ask them to get out of their comfort zone to teach a less familiar topic.

Speaking of volunteerism, the AYHC would like to thank those members who donated and purchased items during our benefit fundraiser made possible by the National High School Rodeo Association online auction. It is through partnerships like these that the AYHC can do and offer more to their membership. The National High School Rodeo Association has been a long time supporter of AYHC and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in their auction.

We have a great 2006 symposium shaping up for you in Florida and encourage you to read more about it in the newsletter and make plans to join us.

Ashley Griffin
AYHC President

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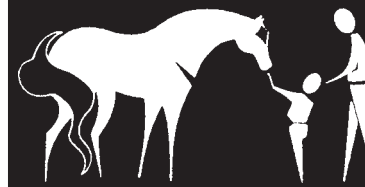
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PREPARE FOR FUN IN THE SUN IN FLORIDA

The Symposium Committee is hard at work organizing a dynamic, interactive schedule of presentations sure to assist teen leaders, adult leaders and industry professionals help kids connect through horses! The conference facilities of the Park Plaza Hotel in Gainesville coupled with the wonderful facilities at the University of Florida promise a great warm weather destination for the 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium.

For those who have visited the Marion County area of Florida know that it is HORSE COUNTRY. With this in mind, the Symposium Committee is arranging an exciting tour of some of the finest horse farms in the world. The Pre-conference tour will take place on Friday, February 3, 2006 and will include transportation and lunch. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity, see the NYHLS Schedule and registration information on page 10 & 11 for complete information.

The NYHLS will again include a variety of presentations including a roundtable session, classroom presentations on a variety of topics and, of course, an afternoon of live horse demonstrations. Selected topic areas for the 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium include:

- Methods to Discuss Horse Show Ethics and Survey Results
- Equine Nutrition
- Blueprint for a Youth Horse Judging Training Program.
- How "soft skills" Influence Your Horse Career and Business Success.
- Publicity for your Nonprofit Horse Club.
- Managing Horse Show Stress: Tips for Riders and Their Families.
- Using Lunge Line lessons for Teaching all Levels of Riding Skills.
- The Stone Model Horse Project: The Model Horse as a Teaching Tool
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- Horse Advisory Boards the Work Horse of Youth Horse Programs.
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Additionally, a full session on Penn State and AYHC's research on the impact of youth horse programs, a session on AQHA's Junior Master Horseman and much more!

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