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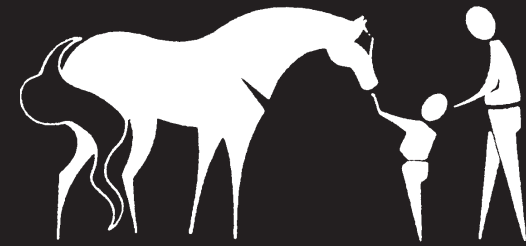
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## News Network

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“Small children are convinced that ponies deserve to see the inside of the house.”

— Maya Patel

### Fabulous Lineup of Speakers for Lexington Symposium!

The wide world of equestrian sport is coming together for youth, learning and a fun three days in Lexington, Kentucky for the 2010 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium. Attendees will be offered a variety of educational experiences including tours, roundtable discussions, live demonstrations, panel discussion and classroom presentations. Saturday and Sunday morning will bring sessions aimed on three tracks for teen leaders, adult leaders and industry professionals. The event is hosted by the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville's College of Business, Equine Industry Program

Presenters from California to Connecticut will make up the faculty covering a wide variety of relevant topics. A selection includes **Oral Reasons...more than a gift of gab** by Amber D. Moffet of OH State University, **A Horseless Horse Clubs and Teen Leadership Opportunity** by Shane T. Michael and Megan Brew of University of Florida, Marion County, **Event Planning Tips of the Trade** by Christy Landwehr of the Certified Horsemanship Association and Cindy Schonholtz of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and **FITNESS: the necessity of Cross-Training Horse and Rider** by Jec Aristotle Ballou, Trainer, Author, Clinician, Santa Cruz, CA. **Equine Safety FIRST - Fun, Interactive, Real, Safety Training** by Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Emily McCabe Alger of University of CT.

On Saturday morning the youth will be transported by bus to the Kentucky Horse Park's new wonderful indoor horse arena for a day with horses. The arena sessions for the youth attendees include **Developing Rider Agility and Strength Through On Horse Exercises** by Sue Robinson and Krista Stewart of Murray State University, **Body Condition Scoring** by Dr. Bob Coleman of University of KY, **Tennessee Walking Horse Demonstration** by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitor's Association, **Gypsy Vanner Horse Breed Demonstration**, by National Gypsy Horseshow and Faire Association, US Polo Team and Univ. of KY **Polo Team Discipline Demonstration**. Concurrent sessions at the Symposium hotel on Saturday morning will present classroom presentations for the adult leader and industry professionals' tracks.

After lunch all participants will join the teens at the KY Horse Park indoor arena (transportation is provided). Demonstrations will include **Tips for Teaching Group Lessons Basics** for developing riding skills in groups by Julie Goodnight, TV's Horse Master and Certified Horsemanship Assoc. spokesperson, **Games to Play in Riding Groups** by Liz Englert and the U.S. Mounted Games Team and **On the Street: Horsemanship and Training for the Real World** by Ellen Sam and the Lexington KY Mounted Police Unit

Sunday's breakfast will feature a keynote presentation by Julie Goodnight on **Horses are a Journey, Not a Destination**. A full tentative schedule is on pages 10 & 11. Make your plans to join the youth horse industry in Lexington, Mar 19-21, 2010.

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The United States Pony Clubs, Inc., (USPC) was established in 1954 as a volunteer driven organization dedicated to teaching children to ride on the flat, over fences and in the open, and to safely and properly care for their mount, including horses as well as ponies. Clubs across the nation were established under the administration of parents and other adult volunteers. Until just four years ago, this was the only format available to deliver the Pony Club program to youth members.

In 2005 the USPC Board of Governors approved the Pony Club Riding Centers Program. With Riding Centers, USPC works with a riding facility that has an established riding lesson program to offer the Pony Club program through the administration of the facility. This was a very distinctive departure from the traditional club structure. Now 53 centers strong with over 600 members the program's growth has been controlled during the 5 year pilot phase to allow USPC to perfect its delivery. However, the steady pace of inquiries without USPC having advertised the program indicates that it is fulfilling a need in the horse industry.

Since USPC began there has been a steady decline in the backyard horse, due to shrinking land availability and the move of more families to the suburbs. Now more children typically are introduced to horseback riding through established riding lesson programs, and more people board their horses versus keeping them at home. The introduction of Pony Club Riding Centers has reached children who were taking riding lessons, but were not able to participate in Pony Club because they did not have access to their own horse.

The Pony Club curriculum used by the recognized Riding Centers is the same in use by the clubs. The core of the program is moving members through the Standards of Proficiency, 10 different levels of achievement where members must demonstrate skills in both riding and horse management. The levels build upon each other as the member grows in knowledge and ability.

In addition to the skills learned, the format of the program also develops responsibility, self-confidence and leadership. As members progress through the ratings, they are expected to give back to their club or center through peer-to-peer teaching. A D-2 should be able to exhibit to a D-1 or a new member the uses and



names of different grooming tools, help them learn the markings of a horse, and demonstrate how to tie a quick-release knot. By having the members assist one another (under supervision), it allows members to feel self-assured in the knowledge and skills they have gained. The clearly written Standards of Proficiency allow parents to feel confident in their child's participation and gives them an understanding of what their child has learned and which situations their child can handle safely on their own, allowing the member to grow in responsibility as they progress in the program.

#### What others are saying about the Pony Club Riding Centers

"I like SCR Pony Club Riding Center because there are horses here. People who don't have horses can learn about them and it will make them feel like they have a horse." **Audrey Greenwood— member, Sandia Creek Ranch PCRC**

"I love [Hybrid Riding Center] because I get to compete in Pony Club without having to own a horse. Not everyone can own their own horse." **Clare Bannon – member, Hybrid Farm PCRC**

"I have always been really close to the people at my barn but Pony Club has brought us so much closer together, that now I refer to them as my '2nd Family.' The things I have learned in Pony Club have also given me the tools so now I have a horse at home." **Jenni Bridges – member, Plumbrook Pony Farm PCRC**



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## Message from AYHC President Kathy Anderson



Greetings to all after a very busy holiday season! Yes, we are moving through the long winter months of a lot of snow and lousy weather for many of us! The weather has not been too conducive to much horse activity enjoyment for most of us in the North Country. We seem to spend most of our time shoveling snow, keeping waters open and just staying warm!

So what better opportunity to start to look towards March and make plans to make the trek to Kentucky for the 2010 AHYC Symposium, We are tremendously excited about all that is planned as we will be in the "Mecca" of the horse industry. Friday folks will have a tough choice of either attending the Youth Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park or touring some of the area's finest horse operations such as Alliance Stud (Saddlebreds), Keeneland Race course, Winstar Farms (Thoroughbreds) and Rood & Riddle Veterinary Hospital. The Youth Festival will feature numerous breed and discipline demonstrations by some of the areas finest!

Saturday and Sunday's symposium will be filled with presentations and demonstrations by some of the area's most noted equine professionals. The teens will be treated on Saturday to an entire day at the Horse Park arena with numerous interactive activities planned. Plus, after the morning sessions, the entire group will take advantage of the Horse Park with demonstrations from the US Mounted Games Association, Lexington Mounted Police and more. Our program at the hotel is filled with top notch speakers and presentations that all in attendance should gain a tremendous amount from. The silent auction will be back loaded with many "must have" treasures!

This newsletter is filled with many more details on what to expect from the symposium and I think you will see, it is certainly a "must see" for this coming March. Stay warm, give those four legged friends an extra flake of hay to keep them warm and make sure we see you in Kentucky in March!

*Kathy Anderson*  
AYHC President

## AYHC BOARD NOMINATIONS!

### AYHC Members Upcoming Events

If you are an AYHC member and have events you would like listed in the AYHC News Network, please email to [info@ayhc.com](mailto:info@ayhc.com)  
Deadline for Spring 2010 newsletter is Feb. 15, 2010.

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### AYHC Board Nominees

The election of AYHC Board members will take place at the Annual Meeting in Lexington KY on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday in North. Membership must be current to vote and one vote per membership (group memberships have one vote).

**Stella Almeida, Co-Chair of the New Jersey Horse Program Advisory Council and Chair of Monmouth County (NJ) 4'H Equine Program.** Stella has been involved with youth in the equine program and communications in NJ for 30 years. She pledges to help do whatever she can to further the growth of AYHC and to help spread the word of this great organization. Working with kids is great for the soul.

**Fernanda Camargo DVM., Ph.D., University of Kentucky Assistant Professor - Equine Extension Specialist, Animal & Food Sciences Dept.** Fernanda is a member of the American Youth Horse Council Board and she has served as the Symposium Committee Co-Chair for the 2010 event.

**Pat Comerford, Extension Horse Specialist and Instructor of Animal Science at Penn State University.** She has been involved in the horse industry for over 30 years as an owner, rider, farm manager, breeder and educator. She coordinates the state 4-H Horse Program, works with breed and industry organizations, teaches and advises students, and assists with production and management courses. Pat is a Past President of the American Youth Horse Council and is a Director of the Pennsylvania Equine Council. She is a member American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association and the Certified Horsemanship Association.

**Marla Lowder, 4-H & Youth Development Agent, University of Alaska Fairbanks** Marla has been involved with horses most of her life and has worked with the 4-H program for over 10 years. She oversees the Alaska State 4-H Horse Development Committee. She has a passion for youth and horses and truly believes "Kids + Horses = Magic".

**Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Associate Professor, Equine Extension Specialist, University of Connecticut** Dr. Jen is very active in 4-H programming in her state, teaches horse science for undergraduates, does research in equine health and nutrition and works in extension outreach with adult horse owners. Jenifer is a member of the American Youth Horse Council Publications committee and Board, a member of the American Society, of Animal Science, a superintendent of the Horse Bowl Committee for the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, a member of the Teaching/Extension committee for the Equine Science Society, and the secretary of the National Equine Extension Executive Council.

**Jason Turner, Chief Editor, and Youth Beats Magazine Association: The United States Trotting Association.** Since 2007, Jason has been helping kids connect with horses through his efforts as Chief Editor of Youth Beats magazine. Youth Beats is the leading publication for and about kids in the Standardbred industry, and is continually working to facilitate lifelong relationships between kids and horses.

**Karol Wilson, United States Pony Clubs, Director of Member Services and Regional Administration.** Karol joined the USPC staff in 1999, and as the Director of Member Services and Regional Administration her focuses are on adult leadership and job training, club and regional program and administration oversight, and strategic planning. Her equestrian experience includes past memberships in the National High School Rodeo Association and Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association, and she is currently active in eventing and dressage. Because of her own personally diverse equestrian interests, she holds a strong regard for the efforts of the AYHC to bridge the gap between breeds and disciplines.

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Question:

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Answer to the Fall Question:

**What is a "bowed tendon" (Tendonitis)?**

"Dwight Bennett, DVM, PhD, professor emeritus at Colorado State University, explains a bowed tendon in the article (#3426) Tendons and Ligaments at

[www.theHorse.com](http://www.theHorse.com), this way: "Each tendon is an elastic belt made of thousands of individual fibers, and damage may range from the rupture of only a few tendon fibers to the rupture of the entire tendon. Bleeding from severed fibers into the interior of the tendon causes the tendon to swell. As a digital tendon swells, it bows outward behind the cannon bone--hence the term bowed tendon."

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**Awards will be given at the 2010 Symposium in Lexington, KY  
Please join us in congratulating the nominees.**

## AYHC Partner Award Nominee Youth Beats Magazine, Columbus OH

This program is a publication with the primary objective of educating and informing youth about the harness racing industry and the Standardbred breed. It is the only magazine of its kind that is for and about kids in harness racing. The magazine was launched just three years ago. In 2009 Youth Beats became the official publication of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.



The magazine format intermingles features on some of the biggest stars in the sport of harness racing with stories about and activities for young participants intended to inspire and create opportunities for youth to become the next generation of equine artists, journalists, photographers and participants. New departments include "Writers Block" where kids share their Standardbred stories with the world and "Kids' Corner" an instructional section where kids learn about topics such as safety in the barn, how to stock a tack trunk, or how to bathe a horse.

Two programs which advance this opportunity for youth through Youth Beats are the Marie Hill Youth Writing Contest and in conjunction with the United States Trotting Association, the Equine Artist of Tomorrow Award. The writing contest, now in its third year, awards cash prizes to the top three finishers in two age categories, 12 and under and 13 and up. The Equine Artist Award, now in its second year recognizes and publishes artwork, photographs, and designs from young equine artists.

The people behind Youth Beats are passionately committed to youth in the industry, and to helping kids grow as horsemen and horsewomen. In addition to educating them about horses, the program also strongly encourages kids to participate in all facets of the equine industry. **Jason Settlemoir, Regional Vice President Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs**

### What people are saying about Youth Beats

It strives to encourage, direct (and applaud) young people who want to develop their interest in horses - whether by direct involvement in Standardbred racing or in a supporting industry. **Jean Brown, Sr. Vice President - Operations, Blue Chip Farms**



## American Youth Horse Council Membership Application

### American Youth Horse Council

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The bond that forms between kids and horses is inspirational. The unconditional love, compassion and devotion are simply magical. Many of us experienced that magic in our own childhoods and seek to pass it on to our next generation. While many programs exist to connect kids with horses, who is there to help the leaders learn about how to share that experience safely and effectively? The American Youth Horse Council is your umbrella resource, offering membership, networking opportunities, publications, grants, and recognition programs.

### What is AYHC?

First established in the early 1970's, the AYHC was founded by breed organizations and extension specialists to provide a nucleus of support to all of the youth horse industry and particularly adult leaders. We accomplish this mission in several ways. AYHC promotes education through the development and distribution

of quality educational materials and by providing ongoing training opportunities to those people looking to teach both young and old about the wonder of horses.

AYHC is also a national information center, promoting greater communications between all breeds and disciplines and providing a forum for discussions. Lastly, AYHC looks to be a representative voice, crossing all breeds and disciplines, as an advocate for bringing horses and kids together. AYHC is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors.

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### Student Leader Nomination Summary Correction:

An error was made in formatting nomination summaries that ran in the AYHC Fall 2009 Newsletter. The pictures of Christine Whittier and Haley Rudacille were inadvertently switched during layout of the publication for their respective summaries. AYHC regrets this error and has provided these top nominees pictures below correctly identifying the candidates. Good luck to all the wonderful nominees. The winners will be announced at the awards banquet Sat. evening March 20, 2010 during the National Youth Horse Leader’s Symposium in Lexington, KY.

**Haley Rudacille**

2009 AYHC Student Leader of the Year Award Nominee



**Christine Whittier**

2009 AYHC Student Leader of the Year Award Nominee



**All Awards will be given at the 2010 Symposium in Lexington.**

**Please join us in congratulating the nominees.**

### Youth Horse Leader of the Year Nominee

**Darryl Ann Buschling – Clarksville, MD**

Darryl-Ann Buschling of the Howard County (MD) 4H Spur and Stirrup Club (and the Iron Bridge Hounds Pony Club) has been a dedicated volunteer for youth programs in Maryland that develop young people into responsible citizens by teaching good horse care and horsemanship skills for over thirty years.



Since 1981, Darryl-Ann has served as a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer for the Maryland 4-H Horse Program. In that role, she has helped thousands of youth at the county, state, and national level by spearheading local and statewide horse care and riding clinics, coaching the county and state hippology and Horse Bowl teams, serving as a statewide examiner and trainer for the 4-H Horsemanship Standards program, and by serving as a valuable resource on the state’s 4-H Horse Volunteer Advisory Committee. She has been a Maryland 4-H All-Star since 1995. Maryland 4-H All-Stars is an organization which recognizes individuals for their service and provides valuable support for 4-H.

Darryl-Ann has also been an integral part of the success of the U.S. Pony Club, serving as a founding member of Maryland’s Ironbridge Hounds Pony Club in the early 1980’s and continuing to serve for the past 30 years, long beyond her daughter’s time in the organization. She has also served as U.S. Pony Club Chief Horse Management Judge and Chair of the Written Test Committee, and she has coached many of the Maryland Pony Club teams to top placings at National competitions. She has written and continues to write the tests for the knowledge portions of the ratings. She has led innumerable clinics on horse management, proper tack cleaning, and stable management in order to make her pony clubbers ready to meet the rally judges. She also leads advanced prep clinics for any pony clubbers that qualify to compete at Nationals every year. In addition, Darryl-Ann has served as the Chief Horse Management Judge at many rallies, and in fact she continues to hold this post today. She is one of only 100 people who hold this position in the United States. She served several terms as Chair

of the Written Test Committee and chaired the National Written Test Preparation Committee. She also has served on and been a resource for the National “Know-Down” or Quiz Committee. She also coached many Maryland Pony Club National teams that have earned top placings at National rallies. Since 2002, Darryl has served as the Regional Instruction Coordinator (RIC) for the Maryland Region, where she oversees a total of 15 clubs and ensures they have proper instructors and materials and that the clubs are adequately preparing their participants for their ratings.



Beyond her involvement in 4-H and Pony Club, she is an active member of the Maryland Horse Council where she has served as Director at Large for Youth Organizations. In fact, Darryl-Ann was one of the founding members of the Maryland Horse Council when it was formed in 1983.

**What others say about Darryl Ann:**

“Darryl Ann has been a key leader in my 4-H club for as far back as I can remember. She runs clinics, makes presentations, and is always there to offer advice and assistance. It amazes me how involved she is in both Pony Club and 4-H. She truly devotes herself to helping the youth learn and grow with their horses.” **Amy Albrecht, member 4H Spur and Stirrup Club**

“Her knowledge of horses and the horse industry is exceptional... She has a tremendous thirst for knowledge and is always working hard to learn new information, not only for herself, but also for the youth she works with.” **Mr. Bob Shirley, 2009 Maryland Horseman of the Year.**

## Youth Horse Leader of the Year Nominee Jean Smith of Danville, KY

Jean Smith is the club leader of the Boyle County 4-H Horse Club. She brings 37 years of horse experience to the position with 14 years involved with a youth horse organizations and 12 years in a leadership role.



Jean is present at every District event where local youth are participating, including our clinic, camp, and show, as well as the State Show. She has also coached Horse

Bowl teams, arranged for a coach for youth interested in horse judging, and assisted local youth entering the State Horse Contests. She is responsible for collecting all District Camp, District Show, and State Show paperwork from youth and it is always collected on time and completely. She also makes sure that local youth are in compliance with the rules and requirements at the District and State levels. Locally, she is a long-time member of the Boyle County 4-H Council, serving multiple terms as secretary and treasurer. She is a member of the County Extension Council and Extension District Board as well, serving 4-H by providing a voice for youth in these bodies which determine how resources should be allocated within the local program

Jean has become a 4-H leader whose work and influence goes far beyond the local program. Jean has served on the area and district horse councils since 1998, usually as an officer, and is currently secretary. She has chaired the area/district horse camp, clinic, and show committees multiple times. Jean has been instrumental in making sure that safety and youth education has been the forefront of every District 4 activity. Jean spear-headed the idea of having an annual District 4 4-H Horse Camp in the fall of each year. Together with her husband Eric, Jean has taken on the role of Su-

perintendent of the 4-H Drill Team Competition since 2006. The Smiths have been instrumental in completely changing the competition to a well-run, well-organized, highly professional competition with an average of 14 Drill Teams ranging in size from 6-24 youth. The Drill Team Competition is the highlight of the State 4-H Show, held during the prestigious dedication and awards program.

She is a member of the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), a group whose mission is to increase awareness of the benefits of Kentucky's horse economy and to promote jobs and economic opportunities for Kentuckians through the Commonwealth's world-class horse industry.

Jean is also a member of the Kentucky Horse Council. The Kentucky Horse Council is a non-profit organization dedicated, through education, to the protection, growth and development of the equine industry in Kentucky.



### What others say about Jean:

"As a local club leader, Jean is an agent's dream volunteer. First of all, she "gets" 4-H. She knows that everything...club, shows, camp, clinics, competitions...is about growing great kids. Her goal is not to make terrific riders and horsemen out of her club members; it's to help them become "caring, capable, competent citizens." **Kim Ragland, Boyle County 4-H Youth Development Agent**

"Jean's kids have aged out of 4-H, but she continues to give countless hours of her time supporting the youth within the District 4 4-H Horse Program. She either has a true love of 4-H, kids, horses, or most likely all three." **Boyle County 4-H parent**



## American Youth Horse Council's 33rd Annual National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium

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Internationally and nationally respected presenters are assembled to share their keys to successful youth horse programming with you. The 33rd annual National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium will provide you with take-home tools to teach youth about safe and effective horsemanship. Attendees will find resources, referrals, and networking to help kids connect through horses. This non-breed specific, interactive curricula, is designed for participants to gain equine knowledge that transfers from the book to the barn. We are expecting a full-capacity crowd for this event so take advantage of the early bird discount and register early. Several industry groups recognize participation in this conference for continuing education credit.

Visit the Website for details: [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com)

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	Early Bird By 2/19/10	Full Rate After 2/19/10
____ Non AYHC Members	\$115	\$125
____ Current AYHC Members*	\$95	\$115
____ Teen Leader (Ages 14-19)	\$75	\$95
(Includes reception Fri., continental breakfast Sat, full breakfast Sun., refreshment breaks)		
____ Awards Banquet (Sat night)	\$30	\$35
____ Teen Dance	free	free
____ T-shirt	\$15	\$18

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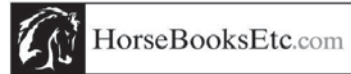
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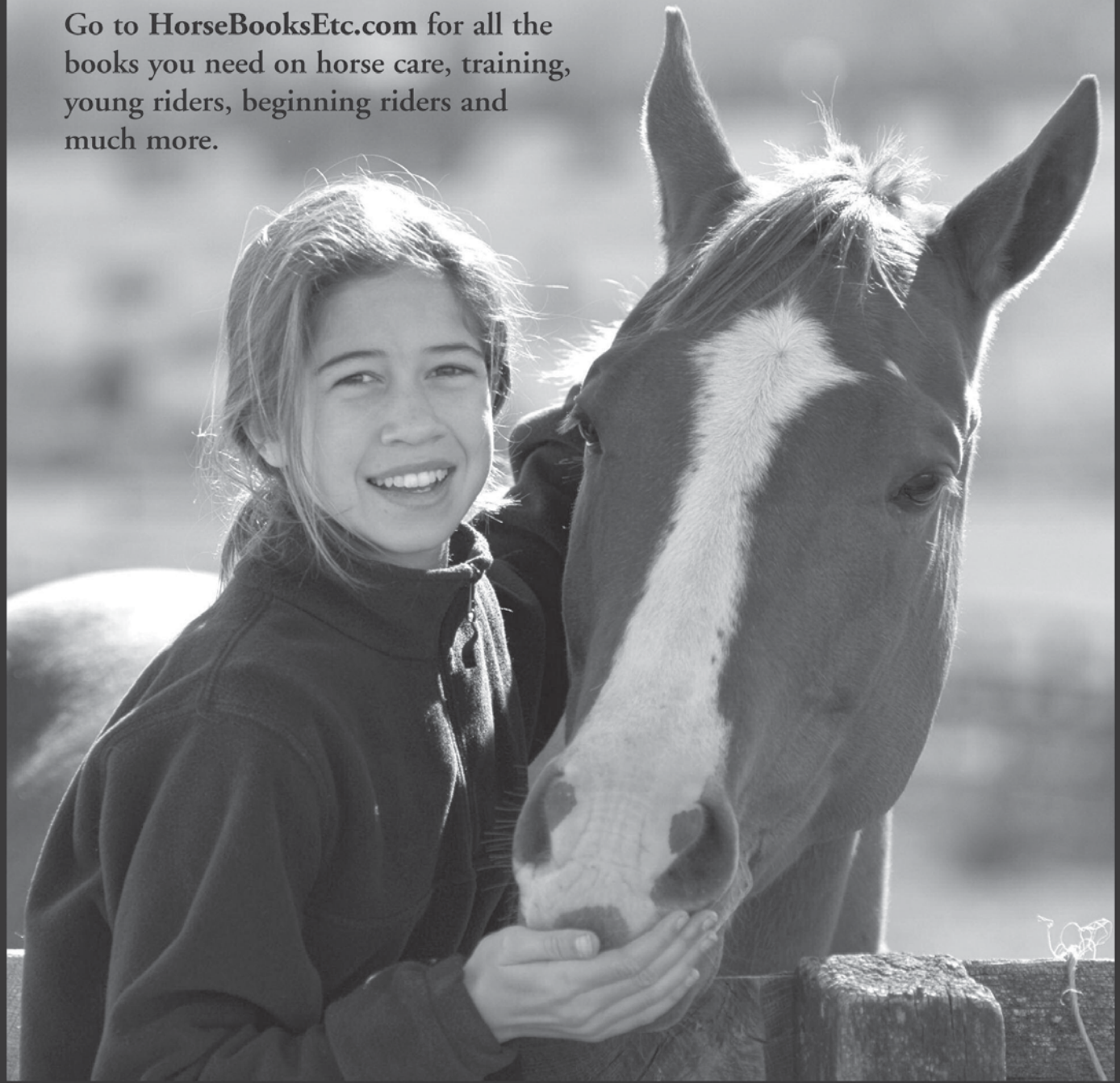
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## Youth Horse Leader of the Year Nominee Deborah K. Manring Sunbury, OH

Over the last 23 years, Debbie Manring has played an instrumental role in educating 4-H youth, leaders and volunteers in Stark, Summit and Delaware counties. "To Make the Best Better" is more than just a motto recited during 4-H meetings and competitions for Debbie...it is how she lives her life.

Debbie is an Ohio 4-H volunteer leader, a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association, and the American Morgan Horse Association. In her involvement with all these associations, the promotion of horses and youth has been Debbie's main focus. She has been an organizational club advisor for 4-H for the last 23 years. She became actively involved in the 4-H horse program and with Saddle Seat horses in the mid-80's when her children joined 4-H in Stark County. As a volunteer leader, Debbie's influence was almost immediately evident. She served as the coach of county Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging teams. Even in her early days of coaching, Debbie's ability to encourage, instruct and support youth involved in 4-H and horses could be seen through the teams' successes: Morgan Grand National Champion Horse Bowl Team in 1998, along with numerous Top 10 finishes at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up and All American Quarter Horse Congress. In addition to her coaching responsibilities, Debbie actively served on both the Stark and Summit County Horse Advisory Committees and chaired Summit County's Performance Against the Standard (PAS) Horse Show Committee. Debbie and her family moved to Delaware County 17 years ago, where she was propelled to expanded leadership roles on a local, state, and national level. As a club advisor in Delaware County, Debbie has continued to coach successful Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging teams while becoming an instrumental member of the Ohio State 4-H Horse Committee. She is also active on the Ohio State 4-H Horse Judges Committee, is an approved Ohio 4-H Horse Show Judge, and serves as a judge for the State Groom & Clean contest and Horsemanship judge for the State Competitive Trail Ride. She has served as a Horse

Bowl judge and moderator as well as a Team Problem judge and contest volunteer for Hippology during the All American Quarter Horse Congress since 2002. Additionally, she served as a Horse Bowl moderator and judge at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up in Louisville, Kentucky. Debbie's dedication to youth and horses did not go unnoticed and in 2007 she was elected to serve on the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Executive Committee. She helps coordinate the Horse Bowl contest by writing and organizing the questions utilized for each year's contest. In fact, Debbie is one of only a few Executive committee members whose primary job is outside youth organizations and Extension. She has and continues to serve the youth on a local, state and national level while balancing a full-time career as a nurse, a wife, a mother of three, and grandmother.



### What others say about Debbie:

"Debbie has always encouraged us to be a team, not just talented individuals, and that is one of the best things about working with her. Not only does she get us involved, but she helps us to reach our next level of potential with our horse friends. I am very thankful for meeting and studying under this amazing equine leader."

**Melanie Lowers, current 4-H Club Member**

"I am speaking on her behalf as one of her "success stories." I am a third year veterinary student and student member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners with every intention of finding a career in equine medicine. I would not be where I am today without the help and guidance of Debbie. I spent my last four years of 4-H with her after she moved into the area. She gave me a wealth of knowledge about horses by having me participate in winning Horse Bowl and Hippology teams for several years. There is also another vet student in my class who participated on these 4-H teams under Debbie's leadership. That makes two of us to come out of Debbie's programs to continue on to become veterinarians in 2011."

**Meredithe Dawson, former 4-H Club Member**



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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, March 18, 2010**

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Early registration

**Friday, March 19, 2010**

7:30 a.m. – Registration

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Pre-conference Tour of Lexington Legendary Equine Establishments

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Pre-conference Self-guided Tour of Kentucky Horse Park and Youth Festival

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Symposium Registration

3:00 p.m. – Tradeshow Exhibits open

3:00 p.m. – Silent Auction Open

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Teen orientation

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Roundtable discussions

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Teen Activity

**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

7:30 a.m. – Tradeshow Exhibits Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

7:45 – 8:15 a.m. – What's New in the Youth Horse Industry? Pat Comerford and Deb Hagstrom

8:30 a.m. – Bus departs with teens to arena

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 – Concurrent Sessions (topic on three tracks - participants can cross tracks and attend the session of their choice)

Session One: 8:30 – 9:20 a.m.

Teen Track: (9:00 - 9:45 a.m. at arena) Developing Rider Agility and Strength Through On Horse Exercises, Sue Robinson and Krista Stewart of Murray State University

Adult Leader Track: Oral Reasons...more than a gift of gab, Amber D. Moffet of OH State University

Industry Professional Track: Loss of Land for Horses – You CAN Make A Difference! Deb Balliet, CEO of Equine Land Conservation Resource, Lexington KY

9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Change Sessions

Session Two: 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 am.

Teen Track: (9:45 - 10:30 a.m. at arena) Body Condition Scoring – Dr. Bob Coleman of the University of KY

Adult Leader Track: Make the Most of Un-mounted Meetings - Julie Goodnight, TV's Horse Master and Certified Horsemanship Assoc. spokesperson

Industry Professional Track: A Horseless Horse Clubs and Teen Leadership Opportunity, Shane T. Michael and Megan Brew of University of Florida, Marion County

10:20 – 10:45 a.m. – Refreshment Break at hotel

Session Three: 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. session

Teen Track: (10:30 - 11:15 a.m. at arena) Tennessee Walking Horse Demonstration, Paulette Ewing of TWHBEA

Teen Track: (11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at arena) Gypsy Vanner Horse Breed Demonstration, Jacki L. Clark, Stacy Foncannon, Lise McNamara of the National Gypsy Horse Show and Faire Association

Teen Track: (12:00 - 12:45 p.m. at arena) US Polo Team and Univ. of KY Polo Team Discipline Demonstration, Jorge Vasquez Lexington Polo Club. Tannis Marley Univ of KY Polo Team contacts

Adult Leader Track: FITNESS: the necessity of Cross-Training Horse and Rider, Jec Aristotle Ballou, Trainer, Author, Clinician, Santa Cruz, California



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**Saturday, March 20, 2010 continued**

Industry Professional Track: Event Planning Tips of the Trade, Christy Landwehr of the Certified Horsemanship Association and Cindy Schonholtz of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – adults on your own

12:45 p.m. – Teen lunch at the arena provided

1:00 p.m. – adults load buses at hotel for arena

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Arena horse demonstration sessions –

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. - Arena Session One: Tips for Teaching Group Lessons - Basics for developing riding skills in groups, Julie Goodnight, TV's Horse Master & Certified Horsemanship Assoc. spokesperson

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Arena Session Two: Games to play in riding in groups, Liz Englert and the U.S. Mounted Games Team

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Arena Session Three: On the Street: Horsemanship and Training for the Real World, Ellen Sam and the Lexington KY Mounted Police Unit

4:30 p.m. – Buses back to Hotel

5:30 p.m. – General Membership Meeting - Election of Board Members

7:00 p.m. – AYHC Youth Leaders Celebration Awards Banquet - Separately ticketed event

Announcement of 2009 AYHC Student Leader of the Year

Announcement of 2009 AYHC Youth Leader of the Year

Announcement of AYHC Partnership Award

Announcement of 2009 AYHC Distinguished Service Award Winner

8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Teen dance

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

7:30 a.m. – Silent auction closes

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Pick up silent auction items

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Keynote Presentation - Horses are a Journey, Not a Destination, Julie Goodnight of the Horse Master TV show and spokesperson for Certified Horsemanship Association

**Concurrent sessions**

Session One: 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

Teen Track: Hippology...It's where the fun's at! Amber D. Moffet of OH State University

Adult Leader Track: The Horse is Merely the Catalyst Ellen Taylor of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation

Industry Professional Track: Lash's Lessons®: An Equine-Facilitated Character Education Program Jacki Clark, Stacy Foncannon, Danna Carr of Lash's Lessons LLC and Shirecrest Equine Education Center, Inc.

Session Two: 9:40 – 10:30 a.m.

Teen Track: Equine Safety FIRST – Fun, Interactive, Real, Safety Training Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Emily McCabe Alger of University of Connecticut.

Adult Leader Track: The Nature of the Beast Sandra TenBroeck of the University of Florida

Industry Professional Track: SMART Goals: Purposeful Planning for Success Kristen M. Wilson and Jennifer Reynolds of University of MD Extension

Session Three: 10:40 – 11:30 a.m.

Teen Track: Equine Nutrition Research, Randall Raub of Purina Mills

Adult Leader Track: Horse Guts and Math, Jeannie Griffiths of Cornell University

Industry Professional Track: Lessons about the Unwanted Horse – Jill Montgomery, Animal Welfare Council

General Session: 11:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Panel discussion on careers in the horse industry, represented will be Mounted Police, Breed Association, Horsemanship Camp, Veterinary Care and Extension Service.

3:00 p.m. - AYHC Board meeting

Schedule Tentative, subject to change