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“He that would venture nothing must not get on horseback.”

—Spanish proverb

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33RD ANNUAL NATIONAL YOUTH HORSE LEADERS SYMPOSIUM DRAWS ENTHUSIASTS TO LEXINGTON

Youth horse enthusiasts from across the country gathered in Lexington, Kentucky for the 33rd Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium on March 19 – 21, 2010. Volunteers, teens, industry professionals and other youth horse enthusiasts participated in roundtable discussions, attended lectures and arena sessions, networked and honored leaders in the youth horse industry. “With attention focused on Kentucky this year due to the World Equestrian Games coming this fall, it seemed logical to hold AYHC’s 33rd National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium in Lexington,” says Rich Wilcke Director of the Equine Industry Program at the University of Louisville and AYHC Treasurer and symposium host. “We had a wonderful meeting and I’m very pleased that we were able to give our horse folks an opportunity and an excuse to visit the Bluegrass during this historic year.”

The weekend started with two fabulous pre-conference tours. The day kicked off with an AAEP-sponsored tour of legendary equine establishments around Lexington. The second tour was to the Youth Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park which was sponsored by Equus/Equine Network.

A full weekend of educational sessions and activities geared specifically to the teen leaders made it a great event for young horse enthusiasts to meet peers from across the country. There was a wide variety of things to see and do, such as learning how to do Body Condition Scoring of horses, watching demonstrations from the UKY Polo Team, presentations of Gypsy Vanner Horses and Tennessee Walking Horses, and more. The enthusiastic and talented youth in attendance showed that the horse industry’s future is in very capable hands!

Other attendees enjoyed the incredible networking with youth leaders from far and near during the roundtables. Speakers on three tracks shared their knowledge of Event Tips, Loss of Land for Horses, Horseless Horse Clubs, The Necessity of Cross-Training the Horse and Rider, and more. Attendees at the Kentucky Horse Park’s new indoor arena got advice on “Tips for Teaching Group Lessons” from RFD’s Horse Master Julie Goodnight and enjoyed demonstrations by the US Mounted Games Team and the Lexington Mounted Police Unit.

The American Youth Horse Council extends sincere thanks to all those who helped make the event a great success, with special thanks to our hosts, The University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville – Equine Industry Program. Make plans to join us for the 34th Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium in Lansing, Michigan. March 11—13, 2011.

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MESSAGE FROM AYHC PRESIDENT WARD STUTZ



Dear AYHC Members,

This is my first opportunity to address you as the newly elected AYHC President; I'm honored to serve for the next two years! During my time associated with the American Youth Horse Council, there is one thing that stands out in my mind, and that is how dedicated you are to the horse, the kids and the industry. I want to thank you and commend you on this very worthy cause!

To acquaint you with my background, I got my first horse in junior high school because my parents didn't want me to have a motorcycle. Since then, my interest in horses has flourished with a passion to learn about all aspects of the industry. My experiences are varied, from racing to showing to summer camps to Washington, DC, but throughout, my primary focus has been training youth.

We certainly have our work cut out for us to ensure that kids get the opportunity to experience horses. It is going to be through our primary audience, youth horse leaders, where we can make that happen. With that said, I believe it is our responsibility as AYHC members to make sure all horse leaders know about AYHC and the benefits of membership. So, to help ensure the future of the horse industry, I challenge all of us to recruit at least one new member to AYHC.

Thank you and I hope everyone has a great summer!

AYHC President

MEET YOUR NEW AYHC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the past year the staffing of the American Youth Horse Council has been shared between Cindy Schonholtz and Jill Montgomery. At the beginning of May and with many thanks to Cindy, Jill assumed the full responsibility for the day-to-day operations under the supervision of the AYHC Executive Committee and Board.

Jill Montgomery brings a long history of working with youth and horses in her training business, the Arroyo Ranch, and through her horse industry consulting business, JRAM Enterprises. She also serves as a board member of the Animal Welfare Council, Certified Horsemanship Association, and the Colorado Horse Council, and is a founding member of the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance. She is delighted to return to the AYHC as its Executive Director after a five year absence.

AYHC 2010 Board of Directors

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AYHC Members' Upcoming Events & Important Dates

If you are an AYHC member and have events you would like listed in the AYHC News Network, please email to info@ayhc.com

Deadline for August 2010 newsletter: Aug. 1, 2010

Youth World Championship Appaloosa Show & 63rd National Championship Appaloosa Show
June 21 – July 3
Jackson, Mississippi
www.appaloosa.com

APHA Youth World Show
June 23-Jul 3, 2010
Fort Worth, Texas
www.aphaworldshow.com

2010 Youth Excellence Seminar and AQHYA Convention
June 24-June 26
Amarillo, Texas
www.aqha.org/youth

Wrangler Junior High School Finals Rodeo
June 27 – July 3
Gallup, NM
www.nhsrawranglerdivision.com

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NEWS FROM YOUR AYHC BOARD

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The American Youth Horse Council Annual Membership meeting took place on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Holiday Inn North, Lexington, KY. Every year, this meeting provides an opportunity for the members to learn more about the business of AYHC as an organization. This is also when elections for members of the AYHC Board of Directors takes place. Each member of AYHC has one vote in this election. Members of the AYHC board are responsible for overseeing the business of AYHC that is administered by the Executive Director.

The board meets quarterly with committees meeting regularly and more frequently throughout the year. Any AYHC member is welcome to serve on a committee; contact the AYHC office for more information at info@ayhc.com.

The full AYHC Board met on Sunday, March 21, 2001 after the Symposium and conducted AYHC business, including the election of officers.

2010 AYHC Officers:

- President: Ward Stutz, American Quarter Horse Association
- Vice President: Karen Waite, Michigan State University
- Treasurer: Rich Willeke, University of Louisville, Equine Industry Program
- Secretary: Debra Hagstrom, University of Illinois
- Past President: Kathy Anderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

This group serves as the Executive Committee and Finance Committee and meets via conference call monthly to closely monitor all AYHC activities. Thank you to all of our volunteer board members for their dedication to AYHC.

OUTGOING AYHC BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF RECEIVE WELL-DESERVED THANKS

Recognized at the Awards Banquet were outgoing board members who have served the two terms allowable by the AYHC by-laws.

Kristen Harvey of the University of KY marked four years of board service and was co-chair of the 2010 National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium. We thank her for her dedication and service to the AYHC and helping kids connect through horses.

Christy Landwehr of the Certified Horsemanship Association contributed 14 years of service to AYHC with four years of board service and two years in each of the officer positions in the organization. She continues to contribute to AYHC as the chair of the Promotion, Outreach and Development Committee. Her service to AYHC has been exceptional and earned her the AYHC Distinguished Service Award for 2008.

Cindy Schonholtz of the Professional Cowboys Association and outgoing Executive Director of AYHC was also thanked for her work during this long transition between staff. Her work and dedication to the AYHC has set a high bar for the administration of the organization and moved forward many important projects and partnerships.

Thanks to all who serve AYHC!



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POAC Western Classic
July 2-3
Loveland, CO
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POAC International Show
July 17-35
Lake St. Louis, MO
www.poac.org

National High School Finals
Rodeo
July 18-24
Gillette, WY
www.nhsra.com

TWHBEA World Versatility
Show and WVS Youth
Clinic
July 23-25
Murfreesboro, TN
www.TWHBEA.com

Arabian Youth Nationals:
Arabian and Half-Arabian
Championship Horse Show
July 24 - 31
Albuquerque, NM
[www.arabianhorses.org/
youth](http://www.arabianhorses.org/youth)

AQHYA World Champion-
ship Show and World Cup
July 30 – Aug. 10
Oklahoma City, OK
www.aqha.org/youth

WELCOME NEW AYHC BOARD MEMBERS

Stella Almeida, New Jersey Horse Program Advisory Council Co-Chair and Monmouth County (NJ) 4-H Equine Program Chair, was elected to the AYHC board for a two year term. 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.

Jason Turner, United States Trotting Association and Chief Editor of Youth Beats magazine, was elected to the AYHC board for a two year term. Since 2007, Jason has been helping kids connect with horses through his efforts with Youth Beats, which is the leading publication for and about kids in the Standardbred industry. Jason 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 diverse equestrian interests, she holds a strong regard for the efforts of the AYHC to bridge the gap between breeds and disciplines.

RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUE SERVICE

Fernanda Camargo DVM., Ph.D., University of Kentucky Assistant Professor - Equine Extension Specialist, Animal & Food Sciences Dept.

Pat Comerford, Pennsylvania State University - Extension Horse Specialist & Instructor of Animal Science

Marla Lowder, University of Alaska Fairbanks - 4-H & Youth Development Agent

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, University of Connecticut - Associate Professor, Equine Extension Specialist

We appreciate the continued dedication of these board members.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

AYHC board elections take place once a year and the Past President serves at the chair of the nominating committee. AYHC members interested in being nominated for the AYHC board should contact Kathy Anderson at kanderson1@unl.edu; the nominating committee will begin creating a slate of nominees in September 2010.



AYHC YOUTH LEADER'S MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE ON SEARCHABLE CD

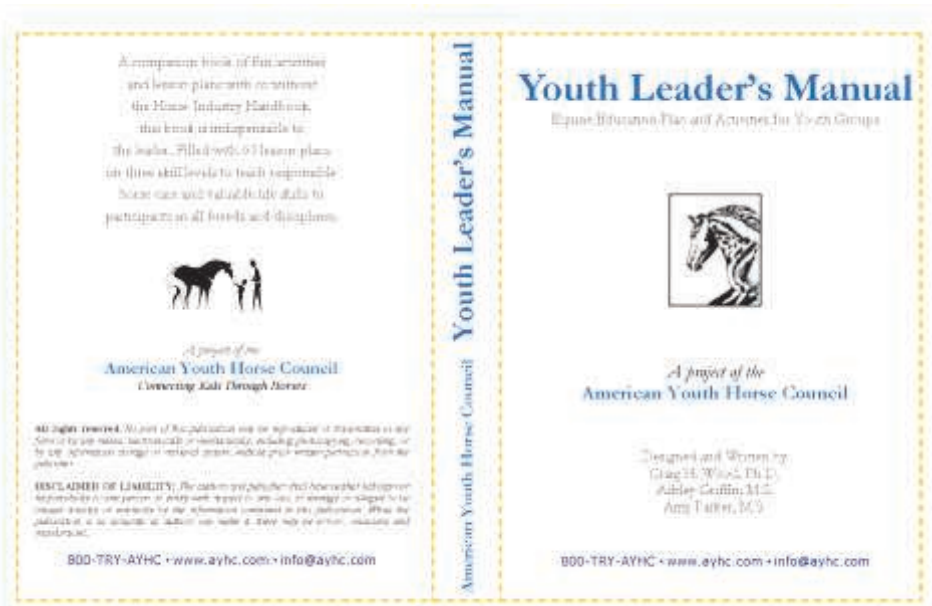
The American Youth Horse Council is pleased to announce that one of its popular publications, the "Youth Leader's Manual," is now available in a searchable CD format.

Searchability allows youth leaders to have a more portable product and search the content by subject matter according to the lessons they want to share with their students. The project was made possible by an educational grant from the University of Louisville – Equine Business School.

The Youth Leader's Manual is indispensable to any leader of youth horse programs. Authored by Ashley Griffiths and Craig Wood, this publication has something for every level. 60 lesson plans on beginner, intermediate and advanced levels allow the leader to teach responsible horse care and valuable life skills to participants in all disciplines and breeds.

All of AYHC's publications, including the Youth Leader's Manual, Horse Industry Handbook and Start with Safety Manual are available for purchase at www.HorseBooksEtc.com. The price of the Youth Leaders Manual CD is \$29.95 for non-AYHC members and \$24.95 for current AYHC members.

For more information on the Youth Leader's Manual or any AYHC publications or programs, call 800-try-ayhc or email info@ayhc.com. AYHC is on the web at www.ayhc.com.



Important AYHC DEADLINES

Put these dates in your calendar in order to take advantage of AYHC's programs!

**Presentation Proposals
for 2011 National Youth
Horse Leaders Symposium:
September 15, 2010**

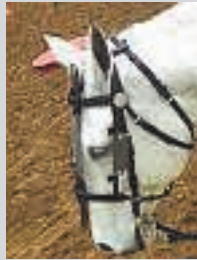
**AYHC Grant
Application:
September 15, 2010**

**AYHC Awards
Nominee Applications
for Leader of the Year,
Student Leader of the Year,
and AYHC Partnership
Award:
September 30, 2010**

The awards and grants program is available to AYHC members only.

Look for grant applications in the August issue of News Network, or get forms at www.AYHC.com, or contact AYHC at info@ayhc.com or 1-800-TRY-AYHC.

Symposium Activities



Lexington Mounted Police unit shows what it takes to control a horse on the job



US Mounted Games Association takes the field with fun and skill
(file photo)



RFD's Master Trainer Julie Goodnight came to teach the teachers
(file photo)

AYHC RECOGNIZES LEADERSHIP

Strong adult and peer leadership are the backbone of the youth-horse industry and vital in transforming today's youths into tomorrow's leaders. The AYHC Awards and Recognition Committee reviews each nomination and scores each candidate based on involvement in and contributions to the youth-horse industry and the horse industry in general. The winners were announced on March 20, 2010 at the 33rd Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, held in Lexington, KY.

Student Youth Horse Leader of the Year Christine Whittier

*Award sponsored by
Junior Master Horseman*

Congratulations to Christine Whittier, 2009 Student Youth Horse Leader. Christine's leadership experience includes various roles in 4-H; she has served as the County Federation President, Club President and 4-H Ambassador. Along with 4-H associations, Christine is a member of the Pinto Horse Association, Half-Arabian Horse Association, Arabian Horse Association and United States Equestrian Federation. The B.L.U. (Building Leadership and Understanding), the Big MAC (Minnesota Association of Cooperatives) Youth Leadership Conference and Y.E.L.L.O (Youth Exploring Learning and Leadership Out loud!) are among several conferences Christine has attended.

Christine has been involved in coaching 4-H Hippology, Horse Bowl and Horse Judging for 9 years. She has also volunteered extensively in her community as a member of the Minnesota Paint Horse Association. Her hands-on instruction is among her greatest strengths. The 4-Hers Christine mentored in the Horseless Project learned how to care for horses, clean-up after them and also to groom, bridle and saddle them; from there they advanced to the Horse Project, later winning awards. In those countless hours of instruction, Christine was able to fully utilize many of the leadership skills she gained through her own leadership experience, as well as through attending conferences and volunteering.

Christine was honored with a bronze statuette and a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Junior Master Horseman.

The finalists for AYHC Youth Student Leader of the Year were **Haley Rudacille**, from Dover, Pennsylvania, and **Mimi Gross**, of Parkland, Florida.



AYHC President Kathy Anderson presents award to Christine Whittier

AYHC RECOGNIZES LEADERSHIP

Youth Horse Leader of the Year Debbie Manning

Award sponsored by the Certified Horsemanship Association

Congratulations to Debbie Manning, 2009 Youth Horse Leader. Debbie became actively involved as an Ohio 4-H Horse Program volunteer leader when her children joined 4-H, and she has been an organizational club advisor for the past 23 years. She is a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association and the American Morgan Horse Association. The promotion of horses and youth has always been Debbie's main focus.

Debbie has coached county Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging teams, and her ability to encourage, instruct and support youth could be seen through the team's successes: Morgan Grand National Champion Horse Bowl Team in 1998, along with 4-H Horse Round-up and All American Quarter Horse Congress championships. Debbie also 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.



Christy Landwehr, 2008 Distinguished Service Award Winner, presents award to Debbie Manning, with Kathy Anderson, AYHC President at right

After a move to Delaware County 17 years ago, Debbie assumed expanded leadership roles on a local, state, and national level. She has continued to coach successful youth 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 as 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, KY.

Debbie's dedication to youth and horses did not go unnoticed; 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. Debbie is one of the few Executive Committee members whose primary job is outside youth organizations and Extension; she continues to serve youth on a local, state and national level while balancing a full-time career as a nurse, wife, mother of three, and grandmother.

Debbie was presented with a bronze award statuette and a trophy buckle, provided by the Certified Horsemanship Association.

Finalists for AYHC Youth Horse Leader were **Jean Smith** of Danville, Kentucky, and **Darryll-ann Buschling** of Clarksville, Maryland.

Honored at the Symposium



Past AYHC presidents Pat Comerford (L) and Christy Landwehr (R) honor outgoing president Kathy Anderson

Symposium Fun!





American Youth Horse Council Membership Application

American Youth Horse Council

Membership Information

Tap into the world of youth involvement with horses as a member of AYHC. AYHC creates a forum for the Horse Industry to come together and focus on Youth.

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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- **Designate up to 10 individuals within your organization to receive AYHC Newsletters and Event Reg. Discounts.**
- **Link your web site to the AYHC web site.**
- Corporate – Business or For-Profit Enterprise....\$150
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- **Link your web site to the AYHC web site**
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AYHC Distinguished Service Award Winner Norm Luba

Award sponsored by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association



Congratulations to Distinguished Service Award winner, Norm Luba of Lexington KY. Norm is the Executive Director of the North American Equine Ranching Information Council, which is committed to providing the latest information and research on all aspects of the equine ranching industry—including equine ranch management, horse care, breeding practices and innovative marketing programs. He is a board member and former president of the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, founding board member of the Kentucky Horse Council, and board member and treasurer of the Animal Welfare Council.

Norm was instrumental in the development of the **Horse Industry Handbook**, an AYHC classic and reference text for many organizations' horse care knowledge competitions and programs; in fact, he enabled the AYHC to print the first edition of the Handbook. Norm's history of service to AYHC and the equine industry is exemplary. He thinks outside of the box to address industry needs and issues. His vision, involvement, and leadership promotes far reaching, positive, and enduring youth and industry initiatives. Norm is most deserving of this award for his ongoing support and contributions to the well-being of our industry.

Luba was presented with a bronze statuette and a plaque, sponsored by the PRCA.



AYHC President Kathy Anderson presents the Distinguished Service Award to Norm Luba

Symposium Activities



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2010 RECOGNITIONS

The AYHC awards program is a member benefit. Any AYHC member may nominate an outstanding adult or student volunteer leader for 2010. Find the nomination form in the August issue of News Network, or download it from www.AYHC.com

The awards will be presented at the 34th annual AYHC Symposium to be held in Lansing, Michigan in March 11 – 13, 2011.

On-Line Auction

National High School Rodeo Association is again teaming with American Youth Horse Council in an on-line auction to raise funds for grants and scholarships for youth equine education and training for adult volunteer leaders who work with youth and horses. The auction offers members and friends of AYHC and NHSRA a fun opportunity to help advance these important programs by either donating items to the auction, or bidding on items, or both. The on-line auction runs Aug 1st to September 30th and new items will be added throughout the auction period. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Jill Montgomery at info@AYHC.com or Kent Sturman at KLSturman@NHSRA.org with a description of what you wish to donate and, if possible, a photo of the item. If you wish to bid, stay tuned for more details on the link from the AYHC and NHSRA websites.

Parenting Tips at the Horse Show, a Free Webinar

As the summer show season opens, this is a great review and tip set for truly enjoying the competitions in which your child or students will participate. The webinar is free and the presentation is made by AYHC Vice President Karen Waite.

Summary: Being a horse show parent can be challenging but at the same time there are so many rewards – such as seeing children learn new skills, facing challenges together and also having fun. This webcast will offer tips for parents on areas such as listening, handling competition, being a positive influence, and supporting a child's learning. The webinar can be viewed at: <http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/resources/webcasts>

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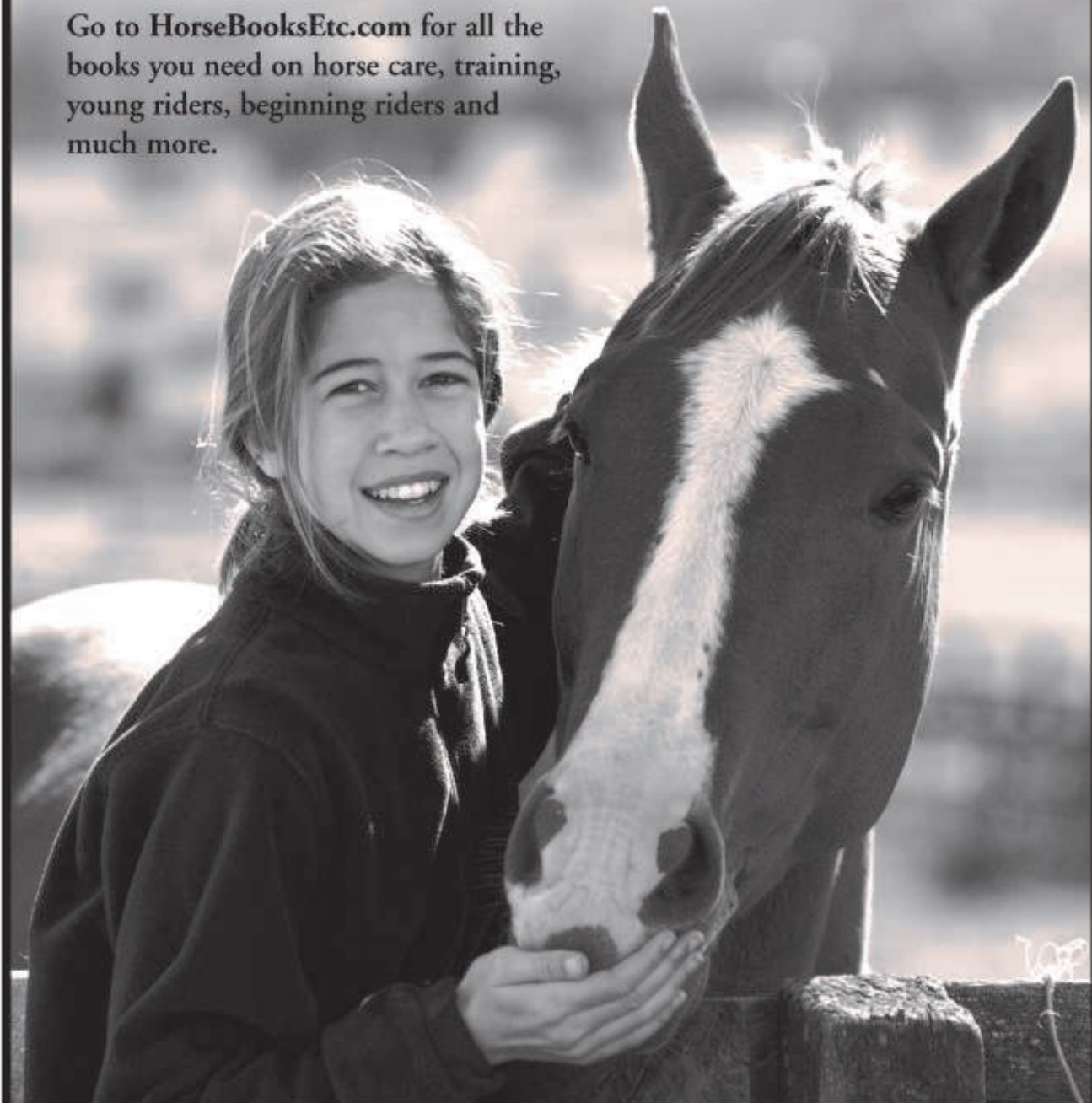
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Summer Fun!



Michigan State University to Host 2011 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium

The 34th Annual American Youth Horse Council Symposium will be held on March 11-13, 2011 in Lansing, Michigan, and will be hosted by Michigan State University. The event will boast more than two dozen internationally and nationally respected presenters assembled to share their keys to successful youth horse programming and horse management. Attendees will find resources, referrals, and networking to improve their ability to *Help Connect Kids through Horses*. A weekend program for teen leaders is always a favorite bringing together youth participating in many different horse disciplines and breed activities to learn leadership skills and effective horsemanship techniques.

“Michigan State University is excited to be able to host the AYHC symposium and showcase youth horse programs and the Michigan horse industry. MSU’s Horse Program looks forward to the opportunity to share their state of the art facilities and top notch degree programs, as well,” said Karen Waite, chair of the 2011 Symposium Committee and AYHC Board Member. The symposium attracts a broad representation of youth horse leaders from breed associations, equine sport organizations, Cooperative Extension, universities, and the crucially important hands-on youth leaders from such groups as 4-H, U.S. Pony Club, National High School Rodeo, Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and more.

The Symposium will again include a variety of presentations including live horse demonstrations, roundtable sessions, and classroom presentations on a variety of topics. Additionally, a welcome reception, vendor booths, a silent auction and the Youth Leaders Celebration Awards Banquet allow attendees to have fun and interact throughout the weekend. A pre-conference tour will provide an excellent kickoff to the Symposium and offer participants an extra day of educational activities in Michigan.

Make your plans to join the youth horse industry in Michigan in 2011! The conference facilities of the Lexington Lansing Hotel in Lansing coupled with the educational and networking opportunities offered by top notch presenters make this a must-attend event!



2009 AYHC Award Recipients, left-right: Partner Award winners Tom Adams, USPC President, Aileen Gordon, USPC Riding Center Liaison; Student Horse Leader Christine Whittier; Horse Leader Debbie Manring, with AYHC president Kathy Anderson

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AYHC Partner Award Winner US Pony Club

Award sponsored by the University of Louisville, Equine Industry Program

Congratulations to the 2009 AYHC Partner Award winners, the Pony Club Riding Center, United States Pony Club. USPC offers the Pony Club Riding Centers Program through facilities with established riding lesson programs. This is a distinctive departure from the traditional club structure established under the administration of parents and other adult volunteers. The Pony Club curriculum used by the recognized Riding Centers is the same in use by the clubs, however, Pony Club Riding Centers also reach 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.

Initiated in 2005, the PCRC program is now 53 centers strong with more than 600 members. Members move through the Standards of Proficiency, 10 levels of achievement demonstrating advancing skills in both riding and horse management. The program also develops camaraderie, responsibility, self-confidence and leadership. The clearly written Standards allow the members to grow in responsibility as they progress in the program, and give parents an understanding of what their child has learned and which situations their child can handle safely alone.

The USPC received a commemorative plaque and a bronze statuette, sponsored by the University of Louisville, Equine Industry Program.



AYHC President Kathy Anderson presents award to US Pony Club Delegation: Tom Adams, USPC President and Aileen Gordon, USPC Riding Center Liaison

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Be the first to email the correct answer to info@ayhc.com and win a prize!

Spring 2010 Question:

As summer is about to begin, bugs and biting insects are making their presence known at the barn. Name 7 common types of biting insects that can irritate horses and their owners.

(Hint – check out the Youth Leader's Manual for ideas)

Answer to the Winter 2010 Question: Safety is everyone's business when working with horses. How should a horse be approached?

Always speak to your horse before approaching or touching him. Some horses are likely to jump and may kick when startled. Always attempt to approach your horse from the front, preferable at an angle from the horse's shoulder. Never approach your horse directly from the rear. Always notice the horse's body language and expression before advancing. Be careful when working around the horse's head, legs, and tail. If startled or irritated by biting flies or insects, the horse may move suddenly and could injure the handler. (Abridged from *Start with Safety – Horse Safety Guidelines 2nd Edition*, Authors P.M. Comerford, Penn State University, J.T. Potter, Purina Mills, Inc. and the AYHC Education Committee)

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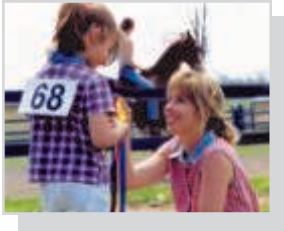
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