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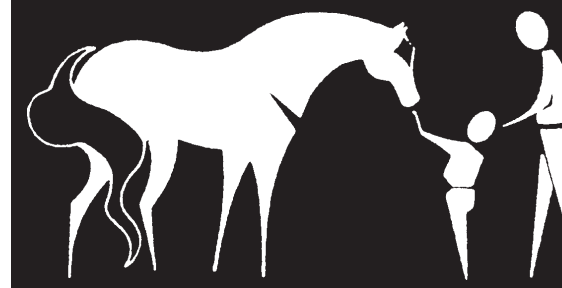
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AQHA AND AYHC PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THAT JUNIOR MASTER HORSEMAN IS HERE!

The American Quarter Horse Association is pleased to announce the availability of the Junior Master Horseman Level One book. Junior Master Horseman is a multi-level, experience-based curriculum that uses vibrant characters to lead youth through lessons about horses. AYHC is pleased to support the Junior Master Horseman project. Information for the lessons was derived from a variety of sources, including AYHC's Horse Industry Handbook.



Level 1 is comprised of basic information and history and includes a book and fully interactive Web site. Youth start with the book, which includes the lesson and several reinforcement activities. Then, youth go to the web site to complete several more activities and the comprehension check. When youth complete and pass the check, a certificate is printed out for them on their home computer for immediate reward and recognition. Students and groups register for the JMH program. In addition, youth have the opportunity to sign up to receive regular newsletters and information from a variety of horse organizations and associations. JMH

is a non-breed-specific program.

JMH is a great fit within 4-H horse clubs, FFA chapters, after-school programs, home-school programs, boy scouts, girl scouts and almost any classroom! The McRel teaching standards have been outlined for each of the lessons. Standards in math, science and language arts are found throughout the program!

Levels 2-4 will be completed in the near future. The American Quarter Horse Association has underwritten the JMH program and is in charge of its development, marketing and distribution. Many other breed associations have supplied photos and information for the book.

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Interested in having the "Walk This Way" tour visit your area? Clinician request forms are available through the TWHBEA office. You may email the Marketing Department at marketing@twhbea.com or request that a form be faxed to you by calling 931-359-1574. We are currently only accepting requests for events to be held during the 2006 calendar year. Learn more about the "Walk This Way" Tour by visiting the tour webpage on the TWHBEA website at www.twhbea.com

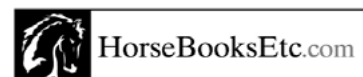
The TWHBEA **WALK THIS WAY** Tour was designed to help other equine enthusiasts with training or riding their horse. Additional tour dates are constantly being researched and added to help in this promotion.

TWHBEA 2006 WALK THIS WAY NICOLE CARSWELL TOUR DATES (as of Feb. 14, 2006)

MARCH 4	Darby Oaks Farms	Bushnell, FL
MARCH 11-12	Minnesota WHA	St. Cloud, MN
MARCH 17-19	TN Volunteer Horse Fair	Murfreesboro, TN
MARCH 31-APRIL 2	Hoosier Horse Fair	Indianapolis, IN
APRIL 6	Equine Affaire	Columbus, OH
APRIL 8	VA Walking Horse Assoc. Colt Preview	Charlottesville, VA
MAY 6	Genius Day	Castalia, OH
MAY 13	Illinois WHA	Illinois
MAY 20	Inland Empire TWHBEA	Spokane, WA
JUNE 2-4	Ontario TWH Club	Thunderbay, Canada
JUNE 9-11	Western States Horse Expo	Sacramento, CA
JUNE 16-18	TWHBEA Instructor's School	Morehead, KY
JUNE 22	TWHYA Jamboree	Shelbyville, TN
JUNE 28-30	TWHYA Summer Riding Camp	Shelbyville, TN
JULY 13-15	TWHBEA Adult Riding Camp	Morehead, KY
JULY 26-27	TWHBEA Equitation Clinic	Murfreesboro, TN
AUGUST 5-6	State 4-H Show	Indianapolis, IN
AUGUST 8-14	TWHYA Riding Camp	Germany
SEPTEMBER 5-11	European Championships	Alpenrod, Germany
SEPTEMBER 16	TWHYA Youth Jamboree	Texas
SEPTEMBER 29-30	TWHBEA Ladies Retreat	Morehead, KY
OCTOBER 13-14	TN History Festival	Nashville, TN
OCTOBER 27-30	VA Equine Extravaganza	Richmond, VA

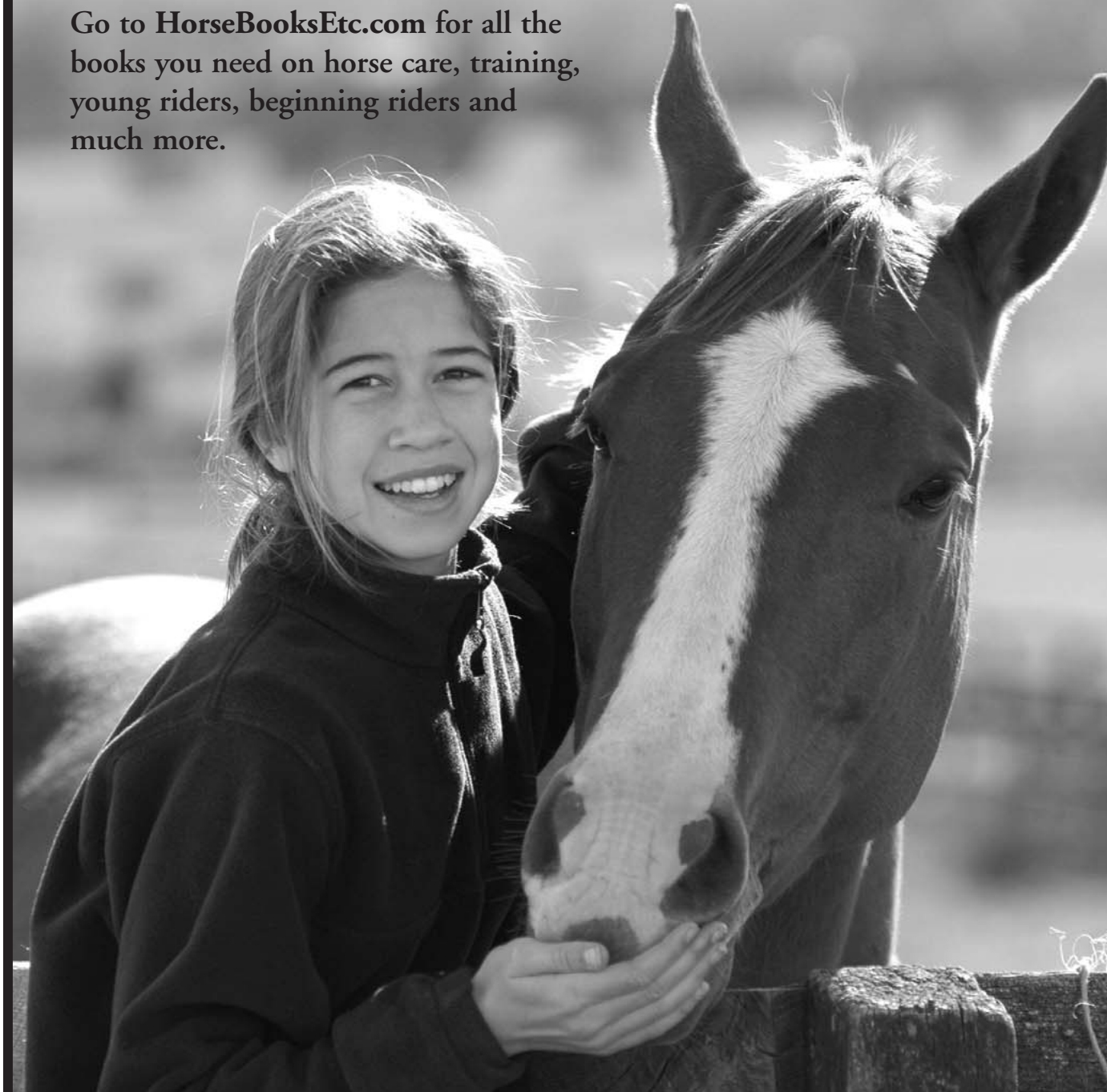
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Tips for Successful Grantwriting

There are many foundations and other organizations, including AYHC that offer grants. Here are some basic tips to follow when applying for a grant:

1. Know your prospective grantor, research the organization before applying.
2. Read and understand the funder guidelines and requirements.
3. Document your needs. If you do not adequately describe your needs you cannot expect your project to be funded.
4. Include a one page cover letter if not specifically prohibited by the funding agency.
5. The proposal should be attractive, professional and concise.
6. Thank the funder, even if you don't get funded. Ask if it possible to receive reviewer comment so that you can see why your proposal was not funded.
8. Keep your goals realistic.
9. It is important to have an evaluation plan so your grantors know if the projects they fund are successful.
10. Have a reasonable, detailed budget and be able to explain it.
11. If possible, cite research that supports your program.
12. If you have questions, call the funder before submitting the application.

Facts on the National Animal Identification System and Horse Available

There has been much discussion regarding the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and how it will affect the horse industry and the individual horse owner. The NAIS is a program intended to identify animals for the purpose of disease control. The ultimate goal is to create an effective, uniform national animal tracing system that will help maintain the health of the U.S. herds and flocks. When fully operational, it will allow animal tracing to be completed within 48 hours of disease detection, ensuring rapid containment of the disease, protecting our country's animals and allowing for continued commerce.

In an effort to answer the many questions that horse owners have, the Equine Species Working Group (ESWG) has developed an informational booklet titled *NAIS and Horses: the Facts Surrounding the National Animal Identification System as it Applies to the Horse Industry in the U.S.* The Equine Species Working is comprised of 30 major organizations in the horse industry and is addressing the USDA's inclusion of horses in a national plan to identify livestock. The ESWG acknowledges that there is much misinformation regarding the NAIS circulating through the horse industry and hopes this booklet will help clarify the issues surrounding NAIS as it applies to horses.

The booklet addresses the following topics: history of the NAIS, why the horse industry should be involved in developing an acceptable NAIS, equine diseases of concern, methods of equine identification, potential benefits, current status of the NAIS, frequently asked questions, and a list of Equine Species Working Group members.

It is important that equine organizations, events, service providers and horse owners know the facts so they can learn about the NAIS, the efforts of the ESWG, and how a national equine identification plan might affect them, should one become mandatory. We encourage industry members to not only become educated on the issue by reading this material, but to also distribute it throughout the industry.

The booklet is currently available to download from the American Horse Council website: www.horsecouncil.org.

More information on NAIS is available at www.usda.gov/nais.

AYHC members can call the AYHC office with questions at 719-594-9778 or email at info@ayhc.com.

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From the Pen of the Prez

by Christy Landwehr



"AYHC is the umbrella organization providing encouragement, communication, leadership and resources to serve and promote the youth horse industry." With that mission in mind, AYHC is pleased to partner with the American Quarter Horse Association on the Junior Master Horsemen program. It is an exciting way for kids with or without horses at varying levels of knowledge to learn more than just how to ride. This in-depth educational program teaches kids the ins and outs of horse ownership, tack and equipment, horse anatomy, basic first aid, safety around horses and much more. Check out the information in this newsletter to find out more about this endeavor and how you can get your youth involved.

Don't forget to continue your education as a youth horse leader and join us in Denver, Colorado for the AYHC Symposium on March 9 – 11, 2007. Amazing speakers from across the country will be on hand to speak about everything from riding to educational youth programming. As a bonus this year, the AYHC Symposium will be run in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo with special sessions just for our attendees. It is an event you do not want to miss! For those speakers out there, please see inside this issue to submit your speaker proposal.

As you organize your youth events this year, let AYHC know so that we can share the word about them. We would love to hear about your successful event and you could submit a write-up and photos for possible inclusion in the AYHC News Network. This newsletter contains information about how you can apply for a grant from AYHC to possibly help fund some of your youth events as well.

If you haven't done so already, please get involved on an AYHC committee. This is the way that our association gets things done – lots of volunteer passion! The committees include: Member Services Committee, Research & Publications Committee, Promotion, Outreach & Development Committee and the Symposium Committee. Please contact AYHC Executive Director Cindy Schonholtz, at 719-594-9778 or info@ayhc.com to volunteer for a committee today!

I hope to meet many of you in the next year as we work together to Help Connect Kids with Horses. I work a couple of evenings a week as a riding instructor at an at-risk youth riding program in Denver. It is a constant reminder to me of how important these amazing animals are to the lives of adults and children alike from varying walks of life – rural or urban. One of the young men that I have been teaching for a few years now is going to be a freshman at New Mexico State University this fall and during his senior year in high school worked at numerous horse ranches to save money for college. Ryan often tells me that if it wasn't for horses and what he learned at The Urban Farm he would not be motivated to attend college and pursue an equine industry career. This is why we all do what we do!

Until next time, may all your rides be safe and fun!

Christy Landwehr
AYHC President

Members Upcoming Events

CAMP IT UP!

Amarillo, TX
July 2006
West Texas A & M
Equestrian Center
Sessions:
July 10-12, 17-19
& 24-26
arichard@aqha.org

AQHVA Convention and Youth Excellence Seminars

June 15-17, 2006
Amarillo, TX

AQHA Youth World Cup

Amarillo, TX
June 24 – July 3,
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www.aqha.com

Paint Youth World Show

June 25-29, 2006
Ft. Worth, TX
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Beach Party Live Model Horse Show

June 24, 2005
Chincoteague, VA
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AYHC 2006 National Youth Horse Leader of the Year Nomination Form

Who: American Youth Horse Council
Leader of the Year

Nominee:

What: An annual award to recognize an adult offering outstanding leadership to young people within the horse industry. This top leader introduces newcomers to the horse industry, mentors young horsemen, and promotes the horse industry within the local community and accomplishes these goals in fun, innovative ways.

Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Nominated by:

When: Each year the summer issue of News Network will notify members that nominations for the award can be made to the AYHC Awards Committee through September 30. Nomination forms will be available from the AYHC office.

Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Where: The award will be presented to the AYHC Leader of the Year early each year during the annual AYHC Youth Leadership Symposium. The actual event location from year to year.

Why: Strong adult leadership for young horsemen now helps ensure a vital horse industry in the future. Any leader who volunteers time and effort to the youth horse industry should be recognized as a potential candidate for the award.

How: Awards Committee members will review and evaluate the nominations and present their findings to the AYHC Board. The final selection will be based on the nominee's accomplishments within the horse industry in general and his or her contributions to the youth horse industry in particular.

Completed form must be received by AYHC Awards Committee by September 30 and accompanied by at least two letters of recommendation from young horsemen or horsewomen.

Nominees will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest score, in these categories:

1. Horse industry involvement in general
2. Contributions to youth horse industry
3. Innovative approach to working with youth
4. Industry promotion at local level
5. Youth letters of recommendation

To help better evaluate your nominee, please respond to the following questions completely but concisely. Attach additional page(s) as necessary.

1. Nominee's horse industry involvement or background:
2. Nominee's industry leadership experience with young horsemen:
3. Most innovative idea nominee has used to involve youngsters in club's equestrian program:
4. Nominee's youth horse club activity that has best promoted the horse industry in local community:
5. Two letters of recommendation from young horsemen and horsewomen.

Submit completed application to AYHC
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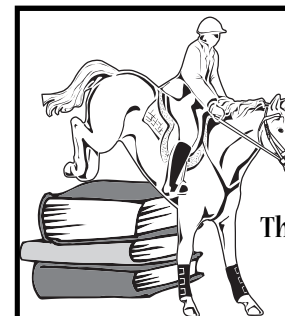
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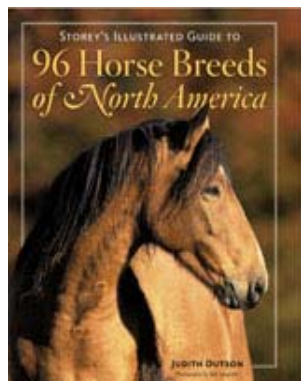
Be the first to email the correct answer to info@ayhc.com and win a prize!
What is Ringbone?

Answer to Spring Question
 What are the symptoms of Equine Herpesvirus?

Neurologic Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) was detected in some east coast horse facilities this year, causing quarantines and embargos. Clinical signs of EHV-1 include fever and upper respiratory infection and may include lethargy, loss of appetite, nasal discharge and a cough. In the neurologic form of the illness, horses can suffer incoordination and be unable to stand.

Book Review: Storey's Illustrated Guide to 96 Horse Breeds of North America

By Judith Dutson

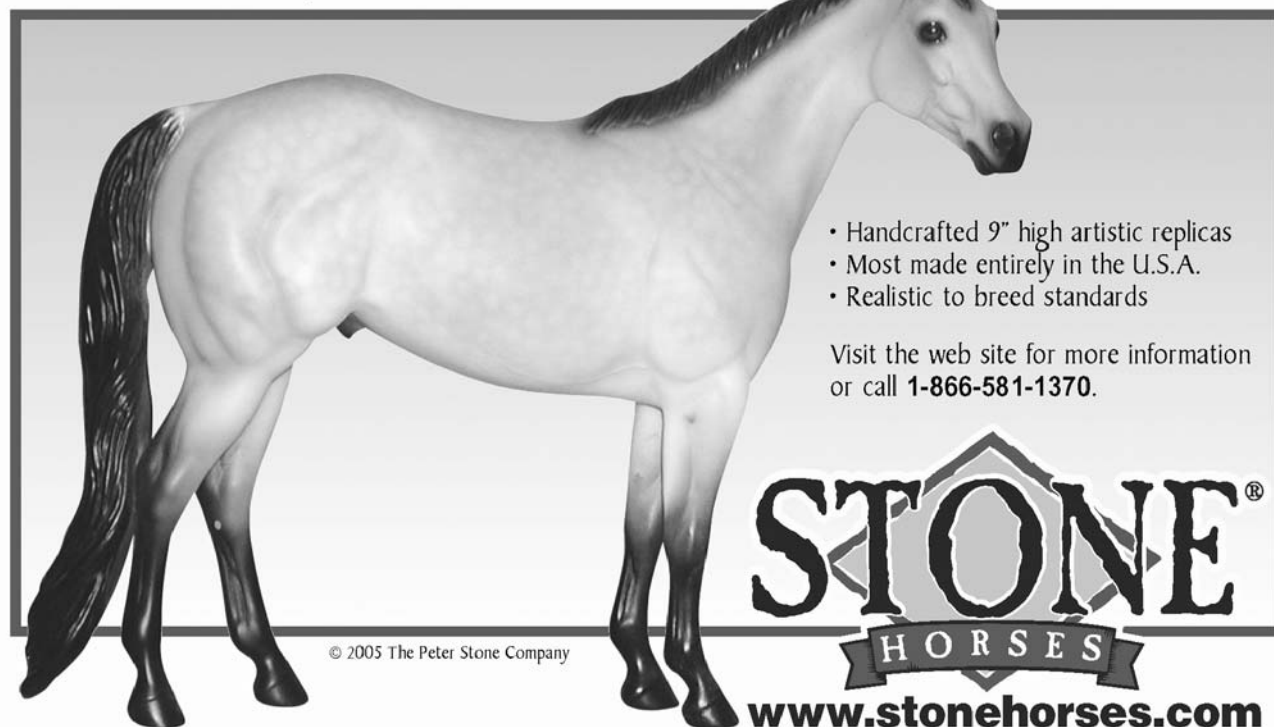


If you are looking for a quality book with fabulous photography and illustrations about horse breeds, this is the book for you. Equestrian author Judith Dutson gives you a complete history of the horse in North America and the contributions they have made to society for more than 500 years. The spirit of these noble animals comes through in the beautiful book that is sure to be a favorite of all equestrians and horse lovers. A wealth of information about each breed's particular history, special uses, conformation standards, and much more are provided for readers. Each page has full color action photos and to bring each breed to life. The appendix includes a time-line of equine history dating back to 100,000 BCE, information about brands, a guide to equine color genetics and a list of contact information for breed associations.

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**Wrangler Junior
High Finals Rodeo**
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Red Rock Park
Gallup, New Mexico
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**National High
School Finals Rodeo**
July 24-30, 2006
IL. State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL
www.nhsra.org

**Stone Age Live
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USEF Pony Finals
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2007 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium March 9 - 11, 2007, Denver, Colorado



The AYHC Symposium Committee is working hard to plan the 2007 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium in Denver. It will be held in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo and cooperating groups include the Colorado Horse Council, the Colorado Horse Development Authority, the National Western Stock Show and Colorado State University.

The 2007 Symposium will as usual focus on issues important to the youth horse industry and the leaders who work so hard to teach our youth. The event will include roundtable sessions, classroom sessions, exhibit booths, Youth Leader Celebration Awards Banquet, opening session and silent auction. As in years past, a pre-conference event will be planned, it will include a day at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. AYHC attendees at the Expo on Friday will be treated to exclusive sessions, lunch and all that the expo has to offer - live horse demonstrations, shopping, networking and educational sessions.

The beautiful Renaissance Hotel will be the host hotel with a \$79 rate. The hotel features an indoor pool, fabulous restaurant, gift shop and complimentary airport transportation. AYHC will be sending out emails, brochures and other information in the coming months. For more information, contact the AYHC office at 719-594-9778 or info@ayhc.com.



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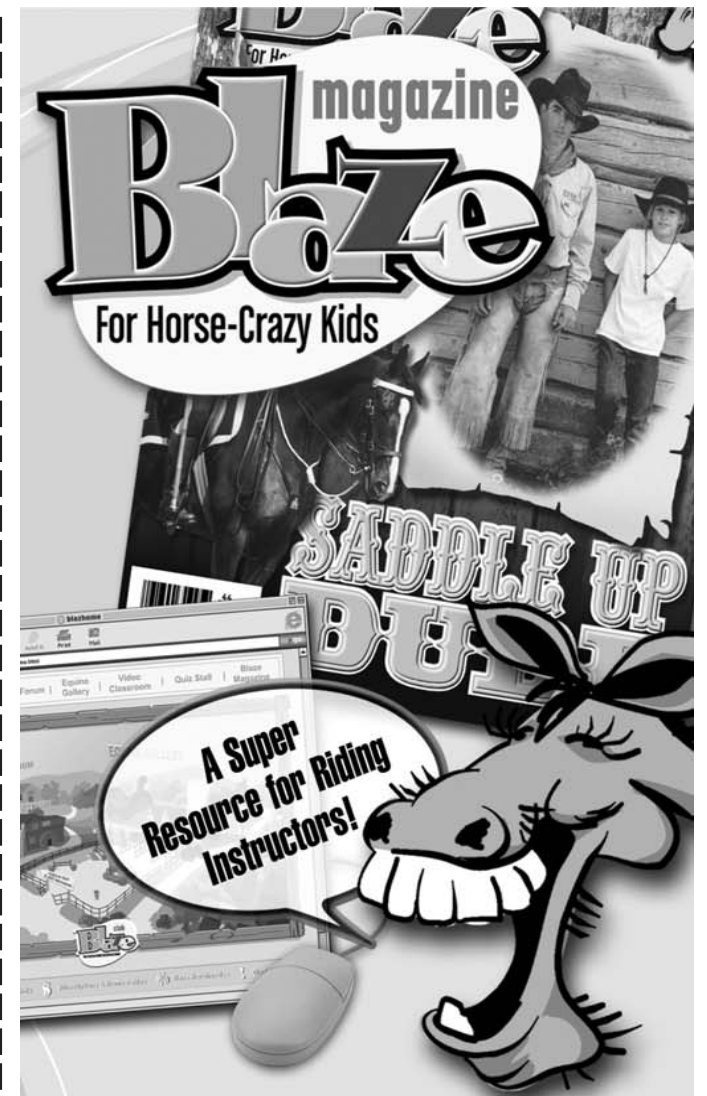
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- ✓ **Primedia Equine** announces the release of John Lyons' Troubleshooting. The book will assist with solving such horse problems such as rearing, water crossing, bucking, biting, trailer loading and more. Primedia Equine is a corporate sponsor of AYHC providing mainstream equine publication advertising for the National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium as well as providing fulfillment for AYHC publications through www.horsebooksetc.com, which is where you can buy the new John Lyons' book.
- ✓ **The Colorado Horse Development Authority** has awarded a grant to AYHC to assist with the 2007 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium that will take place in Denver on March 9 - 11, 2007.
- ✓ **Merial** announces that Lori Terry of Wheeler, TX, is the grand-prize winner in the 2005 ZIMECTRIN GOLD Golden Giveaway, winning an elite Mustang trailer. Look for more information in June regarding Merial's 2006 Drive Home the Gold truck promotion. Merial and its equine ulcer treatment Gastrogard supported AYHC as a Platinum sponsor of the 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium.

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- All Basic Benefits **plus**: designate up to 10 individuals within your organization to receive Newsletters and AYHC Event Registration Discounts
- Link to your web site from AYHC web site

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Association
International
Conference**
Sept. 21-24, 2006
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**Rocky Mountain
Horse Fall Expos**
September 29-
October 1, 2006
Grand Junction, CO
October 6 - 8, 2006
Durango, CO
www.rockymountainhorseexpo.com

**Quarter Horse
Congress Youth
Events**
October 10 & 11, 2006
Columbus, OH
www.osu.edu/congress

2006 NYHLS Request for Presentation Proposals (for Symposium March 9-11, 2007)

The American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) cordially invites proposals to speak at the 2006 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium held in Denver, Colorado on March 9-11, 2007. This annual event, now in its 30th year, presents an opportunity for leaders in the youth horse industry to come together to learn, network, share ideas and grow as an industry. The American Youth Horse Council is a network of academic, breed, industry and other representatives interested in facilitating the flow of horse related educational and promotional resources for youth. AYHC's mission is to provide leadership and resources to the youth horse industry.

Presentations at the hotel will be offered Saturday and Sunday. There will be a limited opportunity for live horse demonstrations. Priority in selection will be given to new presentations, innovative or unique ideas for programs, and topics that meet the locally requested subject matter. All abstracts will be peer reviewed by distinguished members of the AYHC Symposium Committee.

Three audiences will be represented at the meeting: **Adult Leaders of Youth** - mostly volunteers who are directly working with youth in the field, **Youth Industry Professionals** - those employed in the youth horse industry (such as Extension Specialists and Breed Association Youth Program Coordinators) and **Peer Leaders of Youth** - older teens and college students, focusing on leadership. Peer leaders are also encouraged to submit presentation abstracts for consideration. The presentations will be identified in program materials as targeting one or more of these audiences and a specific track will be prepared for the Peer Leaders, called the Teen Track.

Presentations can address, but are not limited to the following categories:
Youth Leadership/Character Development
Teaching Horse Care & Management
Traditional Youth Programming

Locally requested topics include:

Animal Welfare: nutrition, rescue, adoption, first aid.

Training youth for communication contests.

Teaching Tools and Methods.

Ethics and Sportsmanship.

Using and managing horse facilities with an eye toward safety.

Life skills development.

Team building.

Rider fitness.

IMPORTANT: We ask you to submit a summary or abstract of what you wish to present. This will be included in a proceedings book and peer reviewed. It is important that these summaries include enough information that those participants who are unable to attend your session would be able to derive some value from the information to take home. These summaries/abstracts will also draw people to your session! Please note the format in the Symposium guide and directory for 2005 and 2006. If you need a sample please call the office to request one.

Please use the nominations form for presentation proposals opposite this page to format your submission and return complete applications with electronic copy of the abstract / summary by **July 31, 2006**.

A long-standing policy of the AYHC is that no honorariums will be paid to speakers and presenters. However, speakers' registration fees for the symposium are waived and they are invited to attend symposium activities free of charge. Speakers are responsible for their own travel and lodging and other expenses not included in the registration.

Please call the AYHC office at 800.879.2942 with any questions.



THE APPALOOSA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Experience the fun and excitement when you join the Appaloosa Youth Association! The AYA offers a wide range of activities for youth of all ages and abilities. Whether you're an experienced Appaloosa enthusiast or you simply love the Appaloosa horse, the AYA has something for you!

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For More Information, Contact:
Appaloosa Youth Association • Keeley Gant, Youth Coordinator
2720 W. Pullman Road • Moscow, ID 83843
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Make Learning about Horses FUN for Kids

AYHC Publications

AYHC is the umbrella organization providing resources and leadership to the youth horse industry.

AYHC's three standard publications are available through The Equine Collection: the Safety Manual, the Youth Leader's Manual and the Horse Industry Handbook



Horse Industry Handbook: A Guide to Equine Care and Management

A tremendous resource book written by experts and professionals nationwide. This book covers horse care from A-Z. Used widely for youth competitions and a "must-have" for the adult horseman. A great gift idea, order yours today! New orders include updates listed below.

Price: \$59.95 AYHC Member Price \$49.95



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With or without the Horse Industry Handbook, this book is indispensable to the leader. Filled with 60 lesson plans on three skill levels to teach responsible horse care and valuable life skills to all breeds and disciplines.

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Ordering Information

NAME _____

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E-MAIL _____

Check Enclosed (circle one) VISA/MC/AMEX number

Exp. Date _____

- Youth Leaders Manual(s) \$43.95 (M\$34.95)
- Horse Industry Handbook (s) \$59.95(M\$49.95)
- 2003 or 2004 update \$9.95 (M\$8.95)each
- Safety Manual(s) \$10.00 (M\$8.00)
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- \$25 Adult Leader
- \$40 Local Club
- \$100 Association or Educational
- \$150 Corporate
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- Call for shipping quotes over \$200.00
- TOTAL _____

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Phone 1-800-952-5813-FAX 843-201-1338 or online at www.theequinecollection.com
For more information about the American Youth Horse Council call 1-800-try-AYHC or go to www.ayhc.com

National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium Presentation Proposal Nomination Form

Type of presentation:

- Lecture
- Demonstration (indicate space requirements and # of horses/riders)
- Interactive Session (indicate space requirements)

Target Audience (Track) for this presentation

—select all that apply:

- Adult Leaders of Youth - mostly volunteers who work directly with youth in the field
- Youth Industry Professionals - those employed in the youth horse industry
- Peer Leaders of Youth - older teens and college students, focusing on leadership.

Presenter(s): _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax/E-mail: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Audiovisual Needs: _____

Other Requirements: _____

- All sessions are allotted 40 minutes for presentation followed by 10 minutes Q & A and 10 minutes to change rooms.
- Sessions that require more time may be allotted two sessions, with a break.
- Will this presentation require two time slots?: **Yes or No**

(If presenting more than one topic, please duplicate form and submit second presentation on another form.)

Please submit your abstract / summary on a separate sheet of paper and electronically using the following format:

Paper Title, (please limit to 10 words)

Author,

Position Title

Institution, Association or Organization,

City, State

- Biographical Sketch of Presenter (Maximum 150 words – 2-3 sentences. If presentation is selected, a photo of presenters will be requested for the Program Guide and advance event promotion)
- Body of Text: (use 10 or 12-point type in clear font)
- Introduction:
- Summary:
- Results and Conclusions - or Take Home Message
- Further Study / Suggested Reading
- Keywords: use three to five keywords that describe the abstract contents.

(Margins for page: Left 1.5", Right 1", Top 1", and Bottom 1")

Maximum number of pages = 1 (750 words)

If submitting by U.S. mail, please include an electronic copy of your abstract/summary, Microsoft Word is preferred but Rich Text Files formatting is acceptable. If submitting by email include all required information in the body of the email or use Microsoft Word for any attachments. These abstracts will be published in a proceedings book for the Symposium. Please call the 800-879-2942 for more information if you have questions about the format for your submission. Submit your nomination form and abstract/summary by July 31, 2006 via email to info@AYHC.com, via mail to 6660 #D-451 Delmonico, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.



AWC

Animal Welfare Council

The Animal Welfare Council members support the use of animals in recreation, entertainment, industry and sports. We are dedicated to advancing the responsible and humane use of animals in these activities.

ANIMAL WELFARE FACT

Animal Rights is Not Animal Welfare!
Animal welfare is defined as the responsibility we have to treat provide proper care and treatment for animals. Animal rights encompasses a philosophical view that animals have the same rights as humans and rejects the use of animals for any reason.

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ONLINE AUCTION!**



AYHC will once again team up with our partners at the National High School Rodeo Association and Horsecity.com for an online auction. There will be items that benefit the NHSRA scholarship foundation and items that benefit AYHC's grants and scholarships fund.

The auction will begin on August 1st and continue through September 30th with new items added throughout the auction. There are many ways you can support this important fundraiser:

1. Donate an item to AYHC by July 1, 2006, send to AYHC, 6660 #D-451 Delmonico, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.
2. Bid on items.
3. Tell your friends!

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2006 AYHC Grant Criteria and Eligibility

About The American Youth Horse Council Grant Program

Among its many projects, the AYHC annually accepts and awards grant funding to quality youth and youth leader programs. The intent of AYHC's grant program is to assist groups and help provide training to volunteer leaders, which will enrich the horse experiences of our youth.

Criteria and Eligibility for Funds

Membership. All applicants must be AYHC members. You may submit membership at the time of application.

Requirements. Funding proposals should include the following:

1. Be related to the development, promotion and management of leader training events
2. Demonstrate that the ultimate goal of the event is related to the education of youth and development of adult/teen leadership skills for the enhancement of the horse industry.
3. Demonstrate support, collaboration, partnerships, and links with other entities. The AYHC looks for a **minimum of two (2) organizations of dissimilar affiliation to participate as co-sponsors.** Examples of cosponsors meeting this requirement are 4-H and Pony Clubs, 4-H and FFA, Pony Club and breed associations.
4. Funds issued through the AYHC in response to an accepted application must be spent only for the items described in the grant application.

Restrictions. The AYHC does not make scholarships or grants to political campaigns or entities designed primarily for lobbying or to support religious activities or that jeopardize the AYHC's tax-exempt status.

Repeat Applications. If your organization received funding last year, you must submit a final report of the event to the AYHC office before September 15 of the project year to be eligible for funding the next year. The AYHC expects a final report from grant recipients within one month of completion of events that received AYHC funds.

Funds

The AYHC's maximum amount of annual funding varies annually as determined by the AYHC Board of Directors. Generally, grants are at or below \$1,500. Also, grants will be made available on a regional and national basis. Examples of regional events that meet this definition include: several states in the case of locations such as New England, or several counties as in the case of northern Texas.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received in the AYHC office by no later than September 15 of the current year.

Grant/Scholarship Application and Approval Process

The AYHC makes funding decisions based on written and signed application forms which can be found on the opposite page. Please provide additional documents and information as the form requires. At its discretion, the AYHC may seek additional information. After the application has been reviewed by the AYHC's Grants and Scholarships Committee and later by the AYHC Board of Directors, applicants will be notified in writing or by phone of the AYHC's decision. Award winners will be notified in November or as soon as possible. Half of the award will be presented before the event and the second half will be sent upon receipt of a summary of the event.

The AYHC welcomes your questions.

Please contact our Executive Director, Cindy Schonholtz
800-Try-AYHC or 719-594-9778 or email: info@ayhc.com

2006 AYHC Grant Application

Information About You

Name of Applicant (if person) or Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title with Organization (if any): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Organization's Website (if any): _____

Is the Project/Event Coordinator different from the person above? ___ No ___ Yes – If YES, please complete below:

Coordinator of Event/Project: _____ Title of Coordinator: _____

Coordinator Address: _____

Coordinator Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Information About Your Event or Project

Name of Event/Project: _____

Anticipated Date(s) of Your Event/Project: (if applicable) _____

Location of Event/Project (if applicable) _____

Description of Project/Event (Please attach proposed schedule, topics, clinicians, speakers, etc.) _____

Please answer the following regarding the event (use separate pages, if necessary):

(a) Whom will your Event/Project benefit? (Examples: "Youth Leaders in the state of Missouri," or "Adult and youth in the Pittsburgh community and surrounding counties," or "People of all ages in the Southwestern United States.") _____

(b) Please attach a list the names of all other organization(s) that are co-sponsoring or collaborating in your Event/Project and describe their role in the Event/Project.

(c) Have other organizations or leaders in your community/industry shown support for your Event/Project? _____
Feel free to attach letter(s) of support or list their names

(d) How many people do you expect will be served by or attend your Event/Project? (Why do you believe this many?) _____

(e) What efforts will be undertaken to inform these potential participants/attendees of the Event/Project? _____

(f) Did this Project/Event occur before? ___ No ___ Yes – If YES, please complete below:

When? _____ Past number of attendees/per year _____

(g) Did you or your organization apply for AYHC funding in the past? ___ No ___ Yes – If YES:

Amount received: _____ Date(s) received: _____

Please attach a list of all event(s) or project(s) for which you have received AYHC funding in the past.

Justification of Need

Describe the specific use that the AYHC funds (if granted) would be put to: (Examples: "Worker salaries," "clinician fees," "clinician lodging/travel only," "refreshment expense during break on [date]," "expense of appreciation plaques for participants" or "scholarships for students who demonstrate need.") _____

Do you expect to receive funding for your Event/Project from any other sources? _____

Which ones? _____

How much do you expect to receive from those sources? _____

Assurances By Applicant. Applicant agrees to comply with these assurances if the application is approved by the AYHC:

I/my organization will not discriminate on the basis of race, marital status, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in administering the programs, events, or projects supported in whole or in part by this grant (if granted by the AYHC).

I/my organization will acknowledge the AYHC's funding assistance in press releases, media contacts and printed, video, Internet, or audio material resulting from the programs, events, or projects supported in whole or in part by any grant awarded. If my/our project/event does not proceed, the funds will be returned promptly to the AYHC, and AYHC will be notified of the reason.

Signature of Applicant/Representative: _____

Print Name: _____ Date of Signature: _____

Attachments Please check, as appropriate, regarding all attachments to this application:

1. ___ Information regarding your Project/Event proposed for funding
2. ___ Letters of support
3. ___ List of all organizations co-sponsoring or collaborating in the Project/Event
4. ___ List of past funding
5. ___ Other useful information regarding the project for which funding is sought

Please send to: AYHC - 6660 #D-451 Delmonico Dr. - Colorado Springs, CO 80919 - Fax: (775) 256-0382