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Announcements You'll Want to Read!

- Nominate Your Outstanding Youth Horse Leader!
- Apply for AYHC Grants and Scholarship Program
- Note Card Art and Photography Member Contest Extended
- Presentation Proposals re-requested for 2005 Symposium
- Who is in charge of AYHC Committees? Chairs Appointed
- Play the Horse Knowledge Question - See who won last quarter



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Schooling Water

"He that would venture nothing must not get on horseback."

— Spanish Proverb

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Make the most of long summer days By Brenda Humphrey

Kids love day camp – adding horses multiplies the fun factor and guarantees a memory that lasts a lifetime.

A Horse Day Camp makes an excellent stand-alone program in your community to get kids interested in horses, or as a portion of your overall youth horse program.

Horse Day Camp presents an opportunity for activities that are too lengthy for regular meetings. Depending on your facility & parental involvement, kids could possibly bring their horses to day camp; however if your group is having regular riding meetings consider having guest speakers bring horses for presentations each day. Local horse professionals are often willing to donate a morning to educate youth about their particular breed or area of the horse industry and guest speakers allow greater flexibility in programming.

Expand the horizons of your participants by choosing guest speakers that represent different segments of the horse industry than are typical in your group. Draft horses and pleasure driving are consistent crowd pleasers, or try a combination of Tennessee

Walkers, Fox Trotters, American Saddlebred and Paso Fino horses to demonstrate the variations in footfall among the gaited breeds.

Place guest presenters at the beginning of your morning program. Most are accustomed to starting early, get ready with a minimum amount of help and

really appreciate being able to return to their normal daily activities after completing their portion of the program.

After lunch plan a skill building activity that the kids can exhibit at the local 4-H or Youth Fair, be sure to check with local fair boards for exhibit guidelines.

The following ideas work best with a teen or adult group leader working with 5-6 kids.

- A bull snap and 8 foot of cotton rope give kids the chance to learn how to make their own lead rope by braiding the ends back into the rope to finish it off.
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A Message from the President by Ashley Griffin

AYHC Member To-Do List:

There is never a lack of summer activity for youth and their horses. Helping them select and participate in the most effective programs and competitive events can be difficult. Taking time to reward and thank those that have made a difference in a young person's development can sometimes fall through the cracks. As you plan your activities for the year don't forget to take advantage of your AYHC membership by honoring a deserving mentor with a nomination for AYHC's National Youth Horse Leader of the Year award that will be presented at the 2005 AYHC Symposium in Pennsylvania the weekend of February 18 - 20. Each year we have excellent leaders nominated for this award and these leaders are honored by the sheer fact that you have taken the time to recognize their contribution through the nomination.

In addition to nominating an outstanding leader, nominations for grants and scholarships are currently being accepted and we encourage you to be innovative and collaborative in your request. AYHC is also seeking informative, high quality topics for presentation at the 2005 National Youth Leader's Symposium and encourages you to share your experience and talent with fellow AYHC members by submitting an abstract proposal for review. Those with accepted abstracts will not only get to share their knowledge with others through presentation but provide valuable documentation of their topic in our four color symposium program and directory used throughout the year.

Calling all Kids! It is not too late to submit entries for the Note Card Art and Photos contest. Winners will not only win prizes, but will have the honor of their art or photo being used for the design of note cards for AYHC's youth horse club



fundraising program. Don't be left out, submit today!

AYHC Member Education:

You will find in this newsletter valuable resources

covering information related to the federal ban on horse slaughter. The American Youth Horse Council felt it important to tell the story and present the facts of this issue so fellow members could make informed decisions and better educate others on the topic of banning horse slaughter. The impacts of this issue are great to the horse community and being informed about such legislation is also our duty.

AYHC Board Activity:

Just to let you know how committed your American Youth Horse Council Board really is; they took two days out of their busy schedules to travel, in most cases, half way across the country for a face to face orientation in Kentucky to learn more about the AYHC and the goals of the organization. We already realize how busy the spring is for everyone, but your board thought it extremely important to participate in this orientation activity to help guide them in the months ahead for meeting your needs as youth horse leaders.

The U.S. Pony Club opened their beautiful offices at the Kentucky Horse Park for the AYHC Board on May 24th and hosted a full day meeting. The orientation was kicked off with Jill Montgomery providing the history lesson of AYHC going back to 1968 when the organization was formed with the name NH&PYAC. Do you know what NH&PYAC stands for? (*National Horse and Pony Youth*