

AYHC Symposium Workshop Topics 2026-2015

2026 topics

- From FUNdamentals to Finals: Using TikTok & LTAD to Support Youth Riding Development
- Boots, Buckets, and Biosecurity: Youth Education in Action
- The Youth-to-Youth Guide: Making Your Next Event an Interactive Success
- Ready by Design: Owning Your Growth as a Young Professional
- Escaping The Barn: Expanding Teen Knowledge Through Equine Based Escape Rooms
- The Power to Lead
- Rebuilding Trust and Transparency: Lessons in Program Recovery and Stakeholder Engagement
- Horses That Heal: Integrating Equine-Assisted Services Into Youth Horsemanship and Leadership Programs
- Have You Herd? Herd Roles And How To Uncover The Value In Your Volunteers.

2025 topics

- Are You Sherlock Holmes Or Inspector Clouseau? Determine Your Ability To Be A Safety Sleuth And Learn How To Pass It On
- Extension Horses, Inc: Your Source for Online Equine Educational Material
- I Herd it was Helpful: A guide to effective coaching techniques for the arena and classroom
- It Could Happen to You - Teaching Horse Owners About Disease Transfer and Prevention
- Investing in YOUth
- The Power of Knowledge: Experiences Outside the Arena
- Shine Like a STAR: Mastering Job Interview Skills
- Thinking Outside of the Box - Innovative Approaches to Attract and Retain Youth Members
- The Game of Research
- Bindii t'áá hǰǰ' bee na'nitin- Translates to: Let the Horse Teach You
- It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It!

2024 topics

- Social License to Operate in the Horse Industry: What is it... and how do we keep it.
- "Digital Gallop: Integrating AI into Equine Management and Agriculture"
- Equine Colleges and Careers – Embarking on the Education Trek!
- Let's kick into Innovation!
- Let's Go Racing: A Call to Post For Potential Riders & Drivers!

- Learn What You Love: Taking Education Beyond the Barn With AQHLearn!
- Diving into the Data: The American Horse Council 2023 National Economic Survey
- Creating a Fun Show Community
- Finding the Trail Forward: Strategic Intake, Rehabilitation, and Rehoming for At-Risk Horses
- The Business of Horses

2022 Topics

- Digital Escape Rooms: Helping Youth Learn In a Fun and Innovative Way
- Creating a Cohesive Emergency Response for Horses in Hazardous Situations
- Hardware Store = Teaching Aids Galore
- On The Road Again
- Put Horse Smarts to Work for YouTH
- Using Evaluation as a Teaching Tool
- Riding the Unfamiliar Horse in a Draw Format

2021 Topics (virtual event)

- Open The Barn Door for ALL Youth by Including Those with Disabilities
- The Monsters Within: A Spooky Guide to Parasites
- FUN-ctional Riding: Using Patterns to Enhance Youth Engagement and Rider Effectiveness
- What Does Equine Research Mean to Me?
- Can Your Facts Pass a Soundness Exam? How to be a Better Consumer of Online Information and Avoid Sharing Lame Information
- Beyond Exploration: Opportunities to Elevate Your Experiences
- Horseless Campers: A Comprehensive Toolkit for Hosting Horseless Summer Camps

- Why an Equine Degree? Explore the Possibilities
- Forage Myths and Truths: How to Manage Your Horse Pasture
- Unique Equine Liability Risks Involving Minors - What They Are and How to Protect Yourself
- Keep it Positive - Reinforcing & Rewarding Ways to Overcome Challenges with Your Horse
- Why Rider's Mental and Physical Fitness Is So Important, And How to Obtain Both
- We Did it Virtually - Tips and Tricks for Successfully Transitioning to Virtual Programming

2020 topics

Adult

- #ShowingGoodSportsmanship
- The Equine Digestive System
- The Science of Teaching Equine Science
- Rein It In: Horse are NOT the Mane Event
- How to Teach Horse Nutrition
- Forensics EQ

Industry Professional

- Effective Social Media Messaging
- How the Safe Sport Act of 2017 is Impacting Youth Sport Organizations
- Developing and Implementing a Virtual Horse Judging School
- Strengthening Youth; Strengthening Horse Programs
- Surviving and Thriving in Conflict
- Relationship Building Between Youth and Adults

Teen

- Beyond the Ride
- Everyday equine advocate – what's your role?
- Scholarship Funding
- Speak Out!
- Conformation: What Role Does It Play in Selecting a Sport Horse
- Culture. Community. Communication

2019 Topics

Adults

- Increase Body Awareness for Increased Performance
- Confidence is the Name of the Game
- Manure Mystery: Clues for Solving Your Problems with Horse Manure
- Oral Reasons
- Setting a Mounted Orienteering Ride
- Nutrition Lane

Industry Professionals

- And They're Off...Developing Industry Partnerships to Provide Educational Youth Experiences
- Why the Dressage Training Scale Can Benefit Horses of All Disciplines
- A Case for Change: A Movement to Bridge the Skills Gap in the Equine Workforce
- Marketing to Different Generations
- Multi-Sensory Strategies for reaching a Multitude of Learning Styles

Teens

- Say Nay to Negativity: How Horses can Teach Us to Find Lifelong Happiness
- Fun with a New Teaching Tool: SCRUB (Science Creates Real Understanding of Biosecurity) Kit
- How Animals Learn
- The Knotty Pony: Safe and Effective Knot Tying for Horse Owners
- Public Speaking
- Leadership/Communication skills

2018 Topics

Adults

- Buying & Selling Horses Through Social Media Outlets
- Western Heritage Equine School
- Using Traditional Horse Show Formatting to Deliver Innovative Equine Educational Opportunities
- Replacing Fear with Fun: An Innovative Approach to Coaching Horse Judging Practices
- Horse Safety? That's Boring, I just Want to Ride!
- ELD Mandate

Youth Industry Professional

- The Benefits of Transformational leadership in youth programs
- Horse-related concussions: there's an app for that
- Horse Science Academy

- Reading a Feed Bag Label
- Marketing Tools for the Equine Organization
- Money, Money, Money

Teen

- Perfecting Your Pitch: Tips to Deliver an Effective Elevator Pitch
- Pursuing Higher Education
- Tackling the Team Problem
- An Internship that is Great Should Be My Fate
- Ask the Experts - Career Panel

2017 Topics

Adult Leader

- Fun & Educational Ways to Teach Horse Enthusiasts about Environmental Impacts
- Learning Stations for Teaching Horse Knowledge
- Horse Smarts
- World's Best Athlete? Quantifying Equine Athleticism
- You Want Me to Do What? Helpful Hints, Tools & Tips for the Volunteer Horse Show Manager

Youth Industry Professional

- You're a Good Sport Charlie Brown: OR ARE YOU?
- Small Business Planning for the Equine Industry
- Dealing with Difficult People: The Art of Getting Along
- Red Alert! How to Prepare Yourself and Your Horse for a Natural Disaster

Teen

- Helmet Fitting
- Your Voice in Washington!
- Fun & Educational Activities to Use When Teaching Younger Members of your Club or Organization
- So, You Want to Be a ... How Do You Plan to Get There?
- Horses: There's an APP For That
- Perfecting Your Pitch: Tips to Deliver an Effective Elevator Pitch
- So you want to Ride in College

2016 Topics

Adult Leader

- X's, Z's, Millennials and all things Booming
- Consignment Tack Sale
- Cloverbud COLTS: Curriculum, Opportunities, Learning, Teaching
- Horse Smarts - the new manual
- Carpus connected to the: Fun Anatomical Activities for the Horseless & Hippology Groups
- Hands on Horse Fun - Teaching Traditional Camp Material in New Ways

Youth Industry Professional

- Helping Youth Develop Critical Thinking Skills through Use of a Claim-Evidence Warrant Model
- Hands-On Horse Science: 4-H Residential Equine Science Camp
- We are ALL Differently-Abled, Understanding All our Children
- Horse and Herd Management
- New Ways to Introduce People to Horses (TAIL tours)
- What is AYHC?

Teen

- Trust, Leadership and 4-H Horse Projects: How do they Mesh
- Parliamentary Procedure: Making It Simple and FUN!
- Bio-Security for your Equine Partner; Simple Steps to Mitigation
- Youth Teaching Youth: Education and Fun - No Horses Needed
- Finding North: Adjusting our Leadership Compass
- Helping Horse Industry Youth Find the "Right Fit" in Matching Equine Interests to College Choice Options

Collegiate Track

- Risk Management in the Equine Industry
- Internships and Their Impact on Your Equine Career
- The Down and (Sometimes) Dirty on Careers in the Equine Industry
- What Every Young Professional Should Know About Social Media
- 30 Seconds to Land Your Dream Job
- It's Not Always What You Know, It's Often Who You Know!: Putting Your Best Hoof Forward

2015 all topics

- Leading the Equine Industry into the Future
- Improving Equid Welfare in Latin America
- Equine Welfare: Separating Fact from Emotion
- You're One Nod Away from Getting a Job
- Equine Inherent Risk Laws and Liability Exposure: An Overview
- The Interscholastic Equestrian Association
- Leadership Strategies for your Organization
- Ten Fun and Educational Activities for the Busy Horse Leader
- Horse Show Ethics
- Coat Colors for \$20 and Other Ways to Keep Education Interesting
- Traditional and Non-Traditional Equine Careers
- Cowboy Ethics
- Building Innovative Partnerships with BLM
- Marketing: Make it a Plan, Not an Afterthought
- Ideas for Managing Multiple Disciplines & Skill Levels in One Arena
- Talking Terror
- Communicating Horse: Videography and Beyond
- The Nitty Gritty of Addressing Animal Welfare Issues
- Go Tweet About It!