



Region 17 March Youth Report

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Region 17 Arabian Horse Association Youth

Date & Location of Next Regional Youth Meeting:

At Region 17 show in Calgary Alberta
(July 21st -26th)

Upcoming/Recent Shows/Activities:

- **Regional meeting March 29th in Calgary at the new 60 million dollar facility**
- **Youth Clinic → hoping to have Liz Bentley return to host again for the 2nd year**

Communication

- **Youth:**
 - *I communicate through email blasts about upcoming events*
 - Communication through the Facebook group (94 members) and youth Facebook message me with questions
- **Youth Coordinator: Terry Johnson**
- **Adult Director: Terry Johnson**
 - Helps me plan clinics fundraisers and all youth activities

Fundraisers:

- **New: Youth Clinic**
- **Old: Silent Auction, 50/50, fun games (ride a five, simon says), Youth T-shirts, fun night.**

Ideas for New Activities

Giving youth Region 17 swag that will actually be used and will also have a dual purpose of outreach. ie: Binders, Laptop cases, back packs, coolers, etc with LOGO on it.

March AHYA Board Meeting in Denver

From March 13-16th I attended the AHYA Board meeting in Denver, Colorado. On the 14th we had a tour day where we went to the Make a Wish Foundation to present them \$5,000 that we raised for them at Youth Nationals in 2013 (The youth had decided to take a portion of each fundraiser and donate it to Make a Wish). We had a Tour of the Mile High Stadium where the Denver Broncos play and had a tour guide to take us through the whole building and even down on the field. Afterward we got to go and visit the home of Thunder, an Arabian, the Denver Broncos mascot, and we even got to ride him! (Pictures on the AHYA facebook group page) On Saturday we had our AHYA meeting and had lunch with our adult counterparts. I had lunch with Joleen White, the Exec secretary to Glenn Petty, Jan Decker and My Mom. In the meeting we talked about new fundraising ideas for our Regions as well as Youth Nationals. We also discussed issues brought down from the Adult Board to our AHYA Board. One of the Big issues we talked about was the Age changing to 14 and under and 15-18 to even out the age gap at Youth Nationals. There is mixed feelings about this issue and we have decided to wait to make a decision as a board until Youth Convention where we can talk to youth in our areas to get their opinions!

American Youth Horse Council Symposium

As Youth of the Year I was invited to the AYHC symposium in Minneapolis, Minnesota March 20-23, 2014. At this symposium there was 180 kids from all over America, I am sure I was the only Canadian, that are all involved with different breeds and associations (FFA, 4-H, AQHA.. etc). Here we had the chance to meet and make connections with Youth from all different associations! We had the chance to go to different Seminars throughout the days including: Bits and Bridles, First Aid for your Horse, Team building through the eyes of the horse, Police Horses and how they work and many more. Tory Oto , Jackie Pakula & I gave a seminar on FUN-draising through the eyes of AHYA and taught different associations youth how our youth program is so successful.

We also had a tour and got to visit Ames Arabians and Ames Percherons as well as a hunter jumper barn and the Minnesota Vet Clinic and School!

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I will be working with my Vice Director Sydney Young, to organize fun classes and fundraisers for the 2014 Regional Show.

I will be organizing the youth T-shirts again and hope I receive as much support as I have in the past. I want to thank everyone for their continued support.

I had sent out a survey regarding another clinic for 2014 and only received 13 responses. From this I concluded there was not enough interest so I did not pursue it further.

This year will be my last year as Region 17 Youth Director and my last year serving on the AHYA Board. It has been the most incredible opportunity and I would like to thank Region 17 for making it all possible!

This being said, the spot of Youth Director will need to be filled this summer so if you know of any youth that would be interested, contact me and I would be happy to fill them in on what I do, and what a tremendous opportunity this is.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

Region 17 Youth Director (2010-2014)

2013 Youth of the Year

AHYA Secretary

Katie Johnson