

NWHA SECOND ANNUAL
Youth Leadership Conference
INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES AND PLACES

The conference will be held July 13th-15th, 2009 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, with accommodations at the Country Inn & Suites of Georgetown, Kentucky.

COSTS AND FEES

The total cost for this event is \$75 per youth. This will cover the youth's accommodations, transportation, clinic activities, T-shirt, clinic materials, and meals. If a parent or guardian wishes to accompany a youth to this event, the parent or guardian will be responsible for his or her own housing, transportation, and meals.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The goal of this conference is to unite NWHA youth from across the nation in a positively structured atmosphere. Youth will be taught invaluable leadership skills through workshops dealing with issues that they will face in leadership positions as well as issues related to the horse industry. Professional leaders from the University of Kentucky will be conducting workshops and NWHA volunteers from the Youth Committee will oversee organization and care of the youth. Expect to have a fantastic time, form new NWHA youth friendships, and learn a little bit more about yourself and our industry!

ACTIVITIES

Schedule of Events

Monday July 13th

3:00 pm Begin check-in, delegates arrive at hotel

Tuesday July 14th

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Leadership Workshop 1

10:45 am Leadership Workshop 2

12:00 pm Lunch

1:15pm Tour/Clinic 1

6:30 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Dance Social

12:00 am Back to rooms, lights out

Wednesday July 15th

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Horse Husbandry Workshop 1

10:00am Horse Husbandry Workshop 2

12:00pm Lunch

1:15 pm Tour/Clinic 2

4:00 pm Closing meeting

4:30 pm Check out

Leadership Workshops

Three different workshops will be offered. Each youth will attend two of these. During the registration on Tuesday the 14th, youth will sign up for the workshops that they prefer most out of those being offered. They will indicate the order of preference for each workshop (1 being first preference, 3 being last preference). Workshop topics will include various leadership skills such as public speaking, group leadership, dealing with differences, etc.

Horse Husbandry Workshops

Three different workshops will be offered. Each youth will attend two of these. Registration for these workshops will also take place on Tuesday morning in the same manner as the leadership workshops. Possible topics include hands on equine first aid, nutrition, horse judging, shoeing and its effects on gait, training, management practices, etc.

Clinics and Tours

One clinic and one farm/racetrack tour will be held during the conference. These will be off-site of the Kentucky Horse Park at farms and other venues in the Lexington area. Transportation will be provided.

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Youth will be responsible for arranging their transportation to and from Kentucky. If youth are flying in, please indicate this on the registration form and we will arrange transportation for them to and from the hotel/airport. Please be sure to indicate this important information on the registration form. The Bluegrass Airport of Lexington is located 25 minutes from the hotel. The conference housing will be provided by Country Inn & Suites Hotel. Their contact information is 131 Darby Drive Georgetown, KY 40324, phone: 502-868-6800. **Youth do not need to reserve their own rooms.** This is taken care of in the conference registration and fees. Youth will be roomed with other youth of their same age and gender, or as specified on the Overnight release form. Chaperones will be placed between rooms to oversee that rules are being followed. If a parent/guardian wishes to attend, he/she will be responsible for making their own hotel accommodations.

NWHA will provide transportation for all youth attending the conference to and from the Kentucky Horse Park and other conference activities.

REGISTRATION

Registration must be postmarked by June 20th, 2009 to avoid the late fee and in order to guarantee the attendee a T-shirt. **No registrations will be accepted after July 4th, 2009.** The registration form can be found online at www.nwha.com/youth.html

WHAT TO BRING

- A great attitude and an open mind!
- Appropriate, neat clothing (see Code of Conduct form). Remember, you are representing all of the NWA youth at this event!
- A disposable camera (for all those memories you will be making!)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Cell phones (OK to bring, but leave them in your rooms during the day!)
- iPods/electronic games/mp3 players/etc.; These can get stolen and you will not have time to be bored enough to use them!
- Things that would be in violation of the Code of Conduct
- Expensive or valuable items

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Alaina Parsons at shady_oaks@hotmail.com or (919) 427-8022 from 8am-8pm EST.