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# 2012 SADDLEBRED CONVENTION AND YOUTH CONFERENCE



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**Clockwise from top right:** A saddle at Hillcroft Farm, one of the sites visited on Saturday's youth field trip. The Valiant Riders at Claiborne Farm, another stop on the field trip. The Friday night pizza party and roundtables drew large crowds. The Step Ahead Saddlebreds at the International Museum of the Horse on Friday night. The TallTails youth club visits Secretariat's grave site at Claiborne Farm.



# A Fun-Filled Field Trip Highlighted the Weekend!

By Emma James Bryant

On our way here to the first barn which is Hillcroft Farm. At Hillcroft Farm, Misdee Wrigley the owner is so nice and she moved from Florida to a big barn in Kentucky! She's been riding since she was two and has a lot of trophies! We just got into the tack room, she has a lot of saddles! But there's a western saddle and it has a lot of bling! That saddle belonged to her family. She thinks it was made in 1935. The saddle weighs 200 or more pounds!

Then we went into the carriage room and it is really cool. She even has an awesome sled. She says she cannot pick a favorite.



Photo by Janice Hatfield

Misdee Wrigley Miller of Hillcroft Farm.

She has a pony coach which is really rare to have. She has two carriages that belonged to her great grandparents. She also has two tailgating carriages! They are really big! Every carriage is old fashioned. One of the carriages says Cumberland Hotel and there's a T design on the carriage. I wonder what that means?

Next we are going to Claiborne Farm! We just arrived, and we saw some cute colts running! We saw two swans and four geese on top of a waterfall. Claiborne Farm just celebrated their 100th anniversary last year.

They're raising 130 colts this year, 28 colts are already born. There are over 400-450 horses on the farm. He said that there are over 3,000 acres. There are over 90 barns at Claiborne Farm. They do 75-100 breedings day and night.

They raise horses for sale and for racing. Some will go and some will race. The ones that stay go somewhere to be broke or trained! The barn has had 11 horses who have won Triple Crown races. One of the horse's names was Seattle Slew!! Claiborne Farm is owned by the Hancock



Photo by Janice Hatfield

Above and below: At Claiborne Farm, youth got the chance to pet Blame and see a number of areas of the historic horse farm.

family. We are going to Secretariat's stall to see some name plates.

Every colt goes outside about 1:00 p.m. and comes inside about 3:00 p.m. to bathe; they repeat this process everyday. They raise about 140 race horses. They brought out a horse named Arch and he won the super derby in 1988. He is 17 years old. Arch has many daughters and sons.

Next he is bringing out a horse named Blame. Blame is the son of Arch. He had 13 starts on the race track. He won the Breeders Cup Classic! He just turned 6. He is so soft!

At the end we went to see Secre-

tariat's grave. We just passed a street called Secretariat Way!! Next we are going to lunch. We are eating at the lodge at Blue Licks State Park.

Next we are going to Cornerstone Farm! The owner of the barn, Fred Sarver brought some horses out for us to see. The first horse that he brought out is named <sup>CH</sup>Harlem Town. Next he's bringing out I'm A New Yorker. He's so fluffy!! He is 32 now!!!

*This story was written on the ASHA Youth Field Trip by Emma James Bryant. Emma is 9 years old and rides with Diamond View Farm in Versailles, Kentucky.*





## 2011 ASHA YOUTH AWARDS

### ASHA SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

*National High Point Champion*  
Alyssa Wedell, Batavia, IL

#### *Regional High Point Champions*

*Ages 14-20*

##### *Region 1*

Michele Porter, Glendale, AZ — 29 pts.

##### *Region 5*

- Alyssa Wedell, Batavia, IL — 57 pts.
- Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL — 42 pts.

##### *Region 8*

Alexis Fenger, Lapeer, MI — 22 pts.

#### *Ages 13 and Under*

##### *Region 1*

- Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ — 30 pts.
- Nicole Bigelow, Scottsdale, AZ — 29 pts.
- Cassidy Ball, Scottsdale, AZ — 21 pts.
- Emily Burg, Scottsdale, AZ — 10 pts.
- Hallie Ungerson, Phoenix, AZ — 5 pts.
- Skylar Stepien, Glendale, AZ — 4 pts.

##### *Region 8*

- Drew Mallery, Goodrich, MI — 49.5 pts.
- Camryn Mallery, Goodrich, MI — 34.5 pts.
- Nicole Rodriguez, Grand Blanc, MI — 16 pts.
- Michaela Kratofil, Grand Blanc, MI — 14 pts.

## ASHA YOUTH AWARD

### *14-20 Division*

Alyssa Wedell, Batavia, IL

### *13 and Under Division*

Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ

## JUNIOR JUDGING HIGH POINT AWARDS

### *Kentucky*

*Ages 14-20:* Tori Gray, Louisville

*Ages 13 and Under:* Kaeli McCarty, Simpsonville

### *North Carolina*

*Ages 14-20:* Megan Batten, Wilson

*Ages 13 and Under:* Jamie Bo Lucas, Gibsonville

### *IASPFA*

*Ages 14-20:* Alexandra Fischer, Elgin

*Ages 13 and Under:* Aspen Wheeler, Rochelle

## ASHA 2010 YOUTH CLUB AWARDS

### *Membership*

High Caliber Hot Shots, Kernersville, NC

### *History*

De Equus Stablemates, Manitowoc, WI

### *Meetings and Programs*

High Caliber Hot Shots, Kernersville, NC

### *Educational Activities*

■ Bridleway Barn Stormers, Scottsdale, AZ

■ Lovell's Little Bits, Winston-Salem, NC

### *Community Service*

■ Bridleway Barn Stormers, Scottsdale, AZ

■ Vantage Point Stirrup Squad, Tomball, TX

### *Fund Raising*

Lovell's Little Bits, Winston Salem, NC

### *Promotions*

■ Club Landmark, Oak Brook, IL

■ Tall Tails, Grand Blanc, MI

## YOUTH CLUB OF THE YEAR

Biggins Bridle Bunch, Simpsonville, KY

## FRANK OGLETREE YOUTH AWARD

Drew Taylor Hewitt, Bermuda Run, NC



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Region 5 Showmanship at Halter winners Amanda Isoda and Alyssa Wedell.



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Showmanship at Halter winners from Region 1.



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ASHA Youth Award winners Alyssa Wedell and Courtney Ball.



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Kaeli McCarty was the age 13 and under winner of the Junior Judging High Point Award in Kentucky.





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The High Caliber Hot Shots were honored for outstanding achievement in membership and meetings and programs.



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The Bridleway Barn Stormers were honored for outstanding achievement in educational activities and community service.



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Lovell's Little Bits were honored for outstanding achievement in educational activities and fund raising.



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The Vantage Point Stirrup Squad was honored for outstanding achievement in community service.



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The Tall Tails Youth Club was honored for outstanding achievement in promotions.



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Biggins Bridle Bunch was honored as Youth Club of the Year.

YOUTH CLUB OF THE YEAR



# A Second Fun-Filled Account of the Weekend!



Photo by Janice Hatfield

Tall Tails at the Friday night field trip to the International Museum of the Horse during the ASHA Youth Conference.

By Brooke and Erika Whitney

As members of the Valiant Stables Youth Group in Stillwater, Minnesota, we were able to attend this year's ASHA Convention and Youth Conference held in Lexington, Kentucky. There were seven girls from our youth group who went to Kentucky, and we all were really excited to go on the field trip and see the barns and horses that were there.

The first thing we did as part of the conference was go to the pizza party. After that, we went to the Kentucky Horse Park to the Museum of the Horse. There were a lot of interesting things there including a huge statue of the Arabian horse Bask, and many trophies from famous race horses.

Saturday morning we started the field trip. The first farm we went to was Hillcroft Farm in Paris, Ken-

tucky, owned by Misdee Wrigley Miller. The first thing we did was have some cookies and hot cider. We also looked at some of Misdee's trophies and harnesses. She also had a big 200-pound western saddle, which was really shiny and fancy, and belonged to her grandmother.

Next we looked at some of her horses, including <sup>CH</sup>Grande Gil. Then we got to look at her riding ring, and it was huge! Next we went into a carriage room and saw all of her carriages,

coaches and sleighs; they were really pretty and didn't have any dust on

them. She drove one of them when she was six years old. We also got to see the inside of one. Misdee told us that she has driven all of them at some time except the sleigh, one she used in her wedding that was used in her grandmother's wedding.

The next place we went was Claiborne Farm. The first thing we did was meet the tour

guides, David and Kevin. They talked about what we were going to



Photo by Janice Hatfield

Arch at Claiborne Farm.



see at the barn and gave us a lot of information about the farm. Like, 6 out of 11 Triple Crown winners were bred there including Seabiscuit and Seattle Slew. They are going to have about 130 babies this year and have about 450 horses there, they own 3000 acres, and had their 100-year celebration last year. Mr. Seth Hancock is the owner; he is the grandson of the founder of the farm. He drives around the farm every day and knows all the horses by name! We saw many horses in pastures and saw the breeding shed. We also got to walk through the stallion barn and got to see where Secretariat's stall was. His name was on the stall on a big plaque. Eddington is the stallion in that stall now.

Next we got to see a horse named Arch. He is 17 years old and won the Super Derby in 1998. He also breeds at least 100 mares a year. He was a really nice horse. We saw another horse named Blame, the horse that beat Zenyatta in the Breeders Cup. He is also the son of Arch. He won \$4 million in racing and is now 6 years old, breeding at least 97 mares each year. When Kevin was done telling us about Blame, we got to go up and pet him.

Next we went to go and see the cemetery. Secretariat, Bold Ruler and many other horses are buried here. Bold Ruler is Secretariat's sire. There are a few horses in the cemetery buried in caskets like humans, including Swale and Secretariat. The others are buried traditionally with the heart, head and hooves.

We left Claiborne for our next stop at Blue Licks State Park, where we had a nice lunch, and awards were distributed. Five riders from our barn received medals!

After an interesting bus ride we got to the last farm called Cornerstone. We met Fred Sarver, who let us look all around their brand new barn. They had many horses, and also had some cute yearlings running out in the pasture. Most of the horses were stallions, and they were really big and pretty. We got to see 2 of the horses out of their



Photo by Janice Hatfield

Erika Whitney taking notes for magazine coverage during the youth visit to Cornerstone Farm.



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The Valiant Stables Youth Group at Secretariat's Grave at Claiborne Farm.

stalls. One of them — I'm A New Yorker — is 32 years old and still breeding. The other was <sup>CH</sup>Harlem Town, who is 28. Both of them were really pretty.

We had an awesome time at all of these barns, and they all had nice and pretty horses!

Here are some of the things that specific members of our youth group liked:

- Cece's favorite thing was seeing Secretariat's grave because he is her favorite race horse.

- Kala Jo's favorite thing was seeing Secretariat's grave because

you don't get to see him every day.

- Brooke's favorite thing was seeing all of Misdee's carriages because they are cool.

- Abby's favorite thing was Claiborne Farm because there were cool horses there.

- Caitlyn's favorite thing was everything because it all was interesting.

- Katelyn's favorite thing was the museum because she liked the history of the museum.

- Erika's favorite thing was Secretariat's grave because he is a good race horse.

## Drew Taylor Hewitt Honored with Ogletree Award

This award was established to honor James Frank Ogletree, Jr. (1930-1985), who gave unselfishly of his time and talents as an ASHA Director. Because of his daughter Ellen, he was especially interested in young people and encouraged their involvement with American Saddlebred horses.

This award honors one youth each year who has exhibited a sportsmanlike attitude throughout his or her show career. Nominees must be active ASHA Junior Members who have demonstrated participation and achievement within the show ring, exhibited positive personal characteristics, as well as having served as true role models for their peers.

This year the Frank Ogletree award went to Drew Taylor Hewitt from Bermuda Run, North Carolina. She is currently a junior and honor roll student at Forsyth Country Day School. Drew Taylor is an active member of ASHA and has been active in three ASHA Youth Clubs. She is currently the President of the High Caliber Hot Shots Youth Club and was an active participant in the Lovell's Little Bits from 2000-2008. She is also an active member of the ASAC (Charter Club) Youth Club for many years.

Drew Taylor was the co-founder of Jenni's Walk for Hope in 2005. Over \$100,000 in donations were contributed to the American Cancer Society on behalf of her late Aunt Jenni Hewitt, who also rode Saddlebreds.

She has also donated her time and efforts to Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Academy and fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House.

Her list of Horsemanship accomplishments at age 16 is impressive. Currently she has shown 34 different Saddlebreds in 13 different divisions and has shown 8 horses in 13 classes at the 2011 World's Champi-



Kentucky Images

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Vicki Gillenwater presents Drew Taylor Hewitt with the Frank Ogletree Award.

onship Horse Show. She was a member of the 2011 World Cup Invitational Five-Gaited Team that participated in South Africa. She was also a member of the 2010 Saddle Seat World Cup Five-Gaited Team and won a Silver medal.

Among her other accomplishments are 2011 World's Championship Five-Gaited Junior Exhibitor, 2011 World's Championship Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, 2011 Reserve World's Champion Five-Gaited Pony, 2010 Reserve World's Champion Five-Gaited Pleasure, 2009/2008/2007 Lexington Junior League Five-Gaited Pleasure Grand Champion, and 2006 World's Champion Road Pony Under Saddle.

Drew Taylor spent last summer interning at Clark Clouse Stables, assisting with academy shows at High Caliber Stables, catch riding and representing various trainers

across the country. Her goal is to be professionally associated with the American Saddlebred industry.

Through her many accomplishments both in community service and horsemanship, she has become a role model for the younger children. As a role model, she understands it is more than just "fun and games." Her success in the show ring comes from the ability to read a horse, which can only be learned through hands on involvement.

Just to show the character of Drew Taylor, two of the letters of nomination shared that whether she catch rides, shows a gaited horse or an academy horse just to fill an Equitation class, she always sends a thank you card for allowing her to show *your* horse. She appreciates every opportunity given and has true sportsmanship principles.

Drew Taylor received a custom-crafted julep cup which is symbolic of the highest honor upon which one can be bestowed by the American Saddlebred Horse Association, and a Life Membership with ASHA.



# 2012 ASHA YOUTH CONFERENCE EVALUATION

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 15 TO B.NEWELL@ASHA.NET  
THE FIRST 50 YOUTH SUBMITTING SURVEYS WILL WIN PRIZES!

1. Did you attend the conference this year?  Yes  No
2. What activities do you prefer for Friday night?  
 Roundtables during pizza party  
 Activities at the hotel  
 Additional field trip on Friday
3. What activities do you prefer for Saturday?  
 Academy Awards presented during a separate breakfast  
 Academy Awards presented during lunch  
 Field trips  
 Staying at hotel to attend "Legends of Saturday Night Luncheon" with trainers of Three-Gaited Champions
4. What was your favorite parts of convention this year?

5. Under the following headings, what would you like to do next year?

ACTIVITIES

FIELD TRIP & YOUTH AWARDS LOCATION

*(Remember it will need to be close to the trip)*

ROUNDTABLES

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACADEMY AWARDS PROGRAM



ASHA is proud to offer this unique program. All instructors, advisors and horse show committees are encouraged to promote academy classes in their areas. The development and appreciation of horsemanship and sportsmanship in our beginning Saddle Seat riders will develop skill and appreciation for the American Saddlebred that will last a lifetime.

## Academy Awards Program Enrollment

ASHA membership is **REQUIRED** for participation in the Academy Awards program. For information on becoming a member, please contact ASHA at (859) 259-2742.

## Definition of Academy Class

An academy class is any class offered in a local tournament in which two or more stables are participating, or any class designated “academy” at an open show. To be eligible, participants in these classes must be riding a horse designated as a “school” horse, a horse used **REGULARLY** in lesson program instruction. Acceptable attire is jodhpurs or dark pants, boots, and dress shirt or sweatshirt bearing stable logo. Riding suits are unacceptable. Hard hats are optional.

## How Points Are Earned

*1 point: Participation in an academy riding or driving class.*

*1 point: Placing 2nd – 8th in an academy riding or driving class.*

*2 points: Placing 1st in an academy riding or driving class.*

Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. An official point sheet verifying an individual’s participation and placement in academy classes must be signed by **BOTH** the rider and the instructor or Youth Club advisor, and submitted to ASHA by October 31 of the award year.

To qualify for an award, a total of 15 points must be accumulated during a single show year in either juvenile (17 and under) or adult (18 and over) divisions. Points earned in one year may **NOT** be carried forward into a subsequent show year.

## Awards

A bronze medallion will be awarded for earning 15 points in the first year of competition, a silver medallion for 15 points in the second year, and a gold for 15 points in each additional year. Only one medallion per year may be earned by an individual competitor.

## Point Reports

Copies of the Academy Awards Official Point Reports can be downloaded at [www.asha.net/files/academy\\_awards\\_points.pdf](http://www.asha.net/files/academy_awards_points.pdf).



# ASHA ACADEMY MASTER MEDAL AWARD

*ASHA is proud to offer this award, which goes beyond the ASHA Academy Awards program. After participants in the Academy Awards Medal Program attain their first gold medal, they then have the option to continue with the Academy Awards program by earning gold medals on a yearly basis or enter the Academy Master Medal Awards Program, which encourages participation in promotion, education, and continued involvement with the American Saddlebred.*

## HOW POINTS ARE EARNED

Riding points are earned according to the rules of the Academy Awards Program. A list follows giving the options for activity points.

MASTER BRONZE: 20 riding points + 15 activity points  
MASTER SILVER: 20 riding points + 20 activity points  
MASTER GOLD: 20 riding points + 25 activity points

**Activity points can be accumulated from the following list. All points must involve a combination of no less than 3 different activities total.**

- Participate in Junior/Adult judging or Showmanship at Halter – 5 points each
- Enter the ASHA Youth Photo Contest (entries received by November 30 of award year) – 5 points
- Give a speech to a Youth Club, organization, or class about the American Saddlebred – 5 points
- Volunteer at a horse show – 5 points  
(i.e. pass out ribbons, help stable or barn, assist other riders, concessions, etc.)
- Be a member of an ASHA Youth Club – 5 points
- Volunteer at an equine therapy riding program – 5 points
- Participate in an ASHA Youth/ASHA Youth Club activity – 5 points  
(i.e. assist with summer camp, assist with donation for annual ASHA Youth Auction at the Kentucky State Fair, etc.)
- Participate at the ASHA Annual Meeting and Youth Conference – 5 points
- Participate in ASHA Saddle Time Program
  - Complete level 1-3 – 5 points
  - Complete level 4-6 – 10 points
- Participate in ASHA International Youth Program
  - Earn a Badge – 5 points
  - Enter an ASIYP activity/horsemanship competition – 10 points
  - Complete a level of ASIYP
    - Level 1 – 5 points
    - Level 2 – 10 points
    - Level 3 – 15 points

Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. An official point sheet verifying an individual's participation and placement in academy classes and activities must be signed by BOTH the rider and the instructor or Youth Club advisor, and submitted to ASHA by October 31 of the award year. The point sheet can be found online at [www.asha.net/files/ashamastermedalactivityreport.pdf](http://www.asha.net/files/ashamastermedalactivityreport.pdf).

To qualify for an award, a total of 20 riding points, plus the required number of activity points must be accumulated during a single show year in either juvenile (17 and under) or adult (18 and over) divisions. Points earned in one year may NOT be carried forward into a subsequent show year.

# 2011 ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS



**Kentucky:** Allison Cloud



**Arizona:** The Bridleway Barn Stormers' Academy Award winners.



**Kentucky:** Kaeli McCarty



**Kentucky:** Annie Bennett with Biggins Bridle Bunch adviser Whitney Hill.

## ARIZONA BRIDLEWAY STABLES

**Bronze:**

Chloe Ball  
Eliya Rogoff  
Maitlin Hunt  
Addy Quigley

**Silver:**

Finn Cooper  
Kendall Kelledy

Sean Michael  
Moffett

**Gold:**

Ryan Kelledy  
Skylar Stepien  
Eliessa Eddie  
**Master Bronze:**  
Hallie Ungerson  
**Master Silver:**  
Michelle Porter

## ILLINOIS

PALOS HILLS  
RIDING STABLE

**Silver:**

Lauren Ehrlicher

HUNTOON  
STABLES

**Gold:**

Amanda Isoda

## KANSAS

PEEPER RANCH

**Silver:**

Nicole Jackson

## KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE  
EQUESTRIAN  
CENTER

**Bronze:**

Haley Mitchell  
Illamri Penne  
Taylor Parker  
Sydney Glenn  
Regan Giles  
Katie Maxwell  
Jessica Ridgway

**Silver:**

Taylor Collins  
Kelsey Miller  
Regan Moore

**Gold:**

Mady Gill  
Christa Giroux  
Anna Dearen  
Gracie Sandlin  
Macy Brangers  
Sofia Brown

BIGGINS  
BRIDLE BUNCH

**Gold:**

Kara Bekebrede  
**Master Bronze:**  
Annie Bennett  
Allison Cloud  
**Master Silver:**  
Kaeli McCarty

BLUE WILLOW  
FARM

**Silver:**

Caroline Walker  
Annie Walker





**Arizona:** Winners from the Bridleway Barn Stormers



**Kentucky:** Winners from the Louisville Equestrian Center.



**Kentucky:** Winners from Biggins Bridle Bunch.



**Kentucky:** Winners from Premier Stables.



**Kentucky:** Winners from the Brannon Barnsters.



**Kentucky:** Winners from Blue Willow Farm.

<b>Gold:</b> Samantha Sheets Laura Wood	Meredith Murray Jayna Crisp Bronzie Peach- Yancey Kelli Crosby Victoria Rookard	<b>PREMIER STABLES</b>
<b>Master Gold:</b> Hailey Stantz		<b>Bronze:</b> Jordan Eades Reagan Bosse Jeannie Soto
<b>BRANNON STABLES</b>	<b>Gold:</b> Ashley Johnson	<b>Silver:</b> Brielle Boudreau
<b>Bronze:</b> Laura Oh Anita Wilkerson	<b>Master Bronze:</b> Devin Sell Deb Rateri	<b>Gold:</b> Ellie Lyons Maggie Kaelin Isabel Mitchell
<b>Silver:</b> Cayla Conyers	<b>Master Silver:</b> Zoe Brannon	

<b>SHOWTIME ACADEMY</b>	Alexis Pickett	Ellie Hummel
<b>Silver:</b> Isabelle Fuchs	<b>Gold:</b> Madelyne Grace Stephens Melissa Steinkamp Molly Steinkamp	<b>Silver:</b> Lisa Tiemeyer Lee Lenkoff Claire Deschler Dana Maynard
<b>WINGSWEPT FARM</b>		
<b>Bronze:</b> Ashely McLaughlin Isabella Wester Havana Wester Tori McLaughlin	<b>SIGNATURE STABLES</b>	<b>SPRING HILL STABLES</b>
	<b>Bronze:</b> Samantha Aebersold Colby Hoover	<b>Silver:</b> Sierra Newsome <b>Master Bronze:</b> Grace Shaftner





Michigan: Drew Mallery



Michigan: Carmen Gonzalez



Michigan: Winners from the Valiant Riders.



Michigan: Winners from Tall Tails Youth Club.

ZUBROD STABLES  
**Bronze:**  
 Lia O'Bryan

Drew Mallery  
**Master Silver:**  
 Carmen Gonzalez  
**Master Gold:**  
 Alexis Fenger  
 Michaela Kratofil

**Silver:**  
 Cassidy Dolby  
**Gold:**  
 Gianna DeSimone  
 Libby Wicker  
 Camryn Silverton

**MICHIGAN**  
 EXECUTIVE FARMS

**Bronze:**  
 Nicole Rodriguez  
**Gold:**  
 Camryn Mallery

TAYLOR CREEK STABLES  
**Bronze:**  
 Aidan Silverton  
 Allie Okopny

VALIANT STABLES  
**Bronze:**  
 Jaclyn North  
 Elysabeth Kleinke  
 Brooke Whitney

**Silver:**  
 Kayla Jo Davis  
**Gold:**  
 Cecilia Ball  
 CHERADON ACRES  
**Gold:**  
 Stephanie Stoley

**NEW JERSEY**  
 KIERSON FARM  
**Bronze:**  
 Leo Melancon  
 Camryn Fedeli  
 Maggie O'Connell  
 Grace Allison  
 Jackie DiCaro  
 Ava Musolino  
 Cara DeForge

Courtney Kramlick  
 Kimberly Earlywine  
**Gold:**  
 Camille Ricci

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
 BOONES FARM  
**Bronze:**  
 Emma Robinson





**Michigan:** Camryn Mallery



**North Carolina:** Jozy Unal



**North Carolina:** Sadie McAuley



**North Carolina:** Winners from the High Caliber Hot Shots.



**North Carolina:** Academy riders from Cash Lovell Stables.

**Silver:**  
Morgan Robinson  
Alice Brinkley  
Camille Brinkley  
Scarlett Brinkley  
**Gold:**  
Laura Cedrone  
Parker Todd  
**Master Bronze:**  
Mackenzie Todd

**CASH LOVELL STABLES**  
**Bronze:**  
Kayla Rickmon  
Lily Jordan  
Taylor Moore  
Chanler Cook  
Carley Ramey  
Morgan Miller  
Christy Lauffenburger  
Gracie Bargoil  
Lizzy Miller

Emma Soucy  
Brenna Smith  
Blair Huff  
Emma Grace Lovell  
Alaya McCarter  
Victoria Voletto  
Raelyn Long  
Kylie Jankowicz  
**Silver:**  
Willard Dodson  
Ritter Dodson  
Gena Wright

Madelaine Seeber  
Kim Stewart  
Sara Musser  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Bella Weise  
Elizabeth Marshall  
**Gold:**  
Adriana Peacock  
Merrick Semans  
Sadie McAuley

Avery Rose  
McCutcheon  
Terra Johns  
**Master Bronze:**  
Emily Stokes  
Jozy Unal  
Felicia Elliott  
Margaret Bassett  
**HIGH CALIBER STABLES**  
**Bronze:**  
Becca Turner

Lily Sweeney  
**Silver:**  
Ali Fitton  
Laney Henley  
Corbin Bumgarner  
**Gold:**  
Sydney Beason  
Rachel Whitt  
Rachel Baker





**Wisconsin:** Winners from the Knollwood Knockouts.



**North Carolina:** Winners from Lovell's Little Bits.



**North Carolina:** Lovell's Little Bits Academy riders at the WCHS.

**LENUX STABLES**

- Bronze:**  
 Brie Biddle  
 Sara Peters  
 Paige Wilson  
 Taylor Bridgers  
 Maddie Manz  
 Allie Hochman  
**Silver:**  
 Melissa Chatto  
 Michelle Conley  
 Stephanie Bush  
 Rachel Sanford  
**Gold:**  
 Paige Mahoney  
**Master Bronze:**  
 Elyse Moore  
 Kiersten Lockman

- HARRISON SHIFLET STABLES**  
**Bronze:**  
 Megan Parr

**TEXAS**

- LONE STAR SADDLEBREDS**  
**Bronze:**  
 Karla Mortiz  
  
**VANTAGE POINT FARM**  
**Bronze:**  
 Ian McPhee  
 Morgan Wright  
 Alexa Bernal  
**Silver:**  
 Betsi Kate Riddle  
**Gold:**  
 Sydney Young  
 Mallory Brown

- VIRGINIA COUNTRYSIDE STABLES**  
**Silver:**  
 Jordan Dowdy

**WISCONSIN**

- EQUITATE LLC**  
**Bronze:**  
 William Grosspietsch  
 Suzanne Couture  
 Grace Cutting  
 Allyson Herman  
 Sydney Busch  
 Lauren Gall  
**Silver:**  
 Anna Amineva  
 Giovanna Greco  
 Tay Mair  
**Gold:**  
 Ellie Grosspietsch  
 Ellie Metz

- KNOLLWOOD FARM**  
**Bronze:**  
 Haley Berget  
 Ashley Nickey  
 Micki Thelen



**Wisconsin:** Winners from the Equitate Equestrians.

- Maria Traeger**  
**Silver:**  
 Alex Albrecht  
 Jordan Bartosiak  
 Jen Fox  
 Margaret Homa  
 Abby Kastenholz  
 Rachel Kreiter

- Gold:**  
 Gina Vilar  
 Jordan Vavra  
 Kelly Manion  
 Jessica Kuzniewski  
 Lizzy Janikowski  
 Heather Campbell  
 Ainsley Budzinski

- PEPPER HILL FARM**  
**Gold:**  
 Brittany Esser  
  
**GLEN VALLEY FARM**  
**Bronze:**  
 Miriam Griswold



# JUNIOR JUDGING

To hold a Junior Judging event, contact Brenda Newell at (859) 259-2742, Ext. 343 or e-mail [b.newell@asha.net](mailto:b.newell@asha.net)



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Members of Junior ASHAG participated in Junior Judging at the Pro-Am Benefit Classic Horse Show in April.

## CAROUSEL CHARITY HORSE SHOW SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA MARCH 17, 2012

### Ages 14-21:

1. Sam McCutchan, Granville, OH
2. Kirwan Kennedy, Phoenix, AZ
3. Caitlin Moffett, Glendale, AZ
4. Michelle Porter, Glendale, AZ

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
2. Skylar Stepien, Glendale, AZ
3. Cassidy Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
4. Hallie Ungerson, Phoenix, AZ
5. Ella Lentz, Phoenix, AZ
6. Eliessa Eddie (tie), Peoria, AZ  
Stella Dillard (tie), Scottsdale, AZ

### Participating Ribbons:

- Kaitlyn Jackson, Cave Creek, AZ
- Elizabeth Banks, Phoenix, AZ
- Elsa Alexander, Cave Creek, AZ
- Sean Michael Moffett, Glendale, AZ
- Finn Cooper, Centennial, CO
- Emily Burg, Scottsdale, AZ
- Chloe Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
- Halle Lentz, Phoenix, AZ

## PRO-AM BENEFIT CLASSIC HORSE SHOW PERRY, GEORGIA APRIL 4-7, 2012

### Ages 14-21:

1. Nick Cervantes, Creek Bend Stables, GA
2. Samantha Elyse Hocking, Dixie Stables, GA

### Ages 13 & under:

1. Claire Mutheny, Ward Stables, GA

2. Grace Donall, Judd Stables, FL
3. Isabel McSwain, Brian Reimer Stables, GA
4. Emily Candelaria, Judd Stables, FL
5. Caron Elwell, Ward Stables, GA
6. Daniella Gallo, Avalon Stables, FL
7. Mina Mueller, Avalon Stables, FL
8. M. L. Sutton (tie), Red Oak Stables, FL  
Jewel Lee Love (tie), Ward Stables, FL  
Jay Love (tie), Ward Stables, GA  
Karen Jarrard (tie), Red Oak Stables, GA



Junior Judging winners at the Carousel Charity Horse Show in Scottsdale, Arizona.



# Saddle Time

The ASHA Saddle Time Riding Program is an incentive-based program that rewards you with recognition and gifts for doing what you already love to do. It works like this: you keep a log of hours spent riding registered American Saddlebred\* horses, and at the various hour levels, you receive special Saddle Time awards. Download an application at [www.asha.net/files/saddletimeapplication.pdf](http://www.asha.net/files/saddletimeapplication.pdf).

## Requirements:

- ⇒ Current/active ASHA Membership
- ⇒ \*Levels one through three do not have to be accumulated on Saddlebreds
- ⇒ Levels four through six must be earned on registered Saddlebreds
- ⇒ No time limit as long as membership stays active
- ⇒ Time recorded will begin upon receipt of enrollment fee and application
- ⇒ Hours will be recorded on an honor system
- ⇒ Hours required for each award are cumulative
- ⇒ Ownership of horse is not required

## Hours required and awards offered:

- 20 Patch and certificate
- 50 Patch and lapel pin
- 100 Patch and cap
- 150 Patch and T-shirt
- 200 Patch and tote bag
- 250 Patch and award, with an acknowledgement and photo in Junior Junction, the ASHA Youth newsletter

## Hours WILL count in the following activities:

- trail riding
- lessons
- parades
- drill teams
- non-recognized events/shows (only 15 minutes allowed per class)

## Hours WILL NOT count in the following activities:

- recognized events/shows
- competitive trail rides
- endurance rides
- grooming
- driving
- hot walking

## Courtney Ball



*Courtney Ball, 14, of Scottsdale, Arizona, has earned the high accomplishment of Saddle Time Level 6. Courtney, daughter of Sabrina and Ed Ball, took a few moments recently to discuss her experience with Saddlebreds.*

**What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.)?:** Mainly lessons and play riding.

**What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?:** I liked tracking down all of my lessons and seeing how many hours I have.

**What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?:** What I like is how beautiful they are when they move.

**Who is your favorite horse and why?:** My favorite horse is either my horse Zeus, a.k.a. Chaka Zulu, or our pony Bonny because I ride both and even though one is very big and the other is very small, both have taught me to become a better rider.

**Do you participate in other horse programs (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.)?:** I participate in ASIYP and have finished all levels and finished all of the badges for Saddletime.

**What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?:** I am in the 8th grade at Mountain Trail Middle School.

**How long have you been riding?:** 7 years.

**Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?:** My instructors are Marcia Everett, Erin Rae Smith and Jolene Galvin at Bridleway Stables in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**How long did it take to earn your hours?:** About 5 years.



# Saddle Time 2012

## NEW ENROLLMENTS

Kaylyn Abbott  
Rylee Abbott  
Elizabeth Affeld  
Morgan Balentine  
Chloe Ball  
Avery Barlow  
Lauren Beck  
Alexa Berres  
Alyssa Berres  
Nicole Bigelow  
Stephanie Brackett  
Emily Brogna  
Mallory Brown  
Emily Burg  
Emily Burt  
Miah Carey  
Alexandria Cedrone  
Amy Cedrone  
Karissa Clark  
Emma Cook  
Finn Cooper  
Irelynn Coy  
Anthony Dawson  
Gianna DeSimone  
Samantha Dunn  
Elise Dygert  
Lauren Fitzpatrick  
Alexandra Foster  
Emma Gearon  
Ashlynn Glancy  
Johnny Jean Groce  
James Grosspietsch  
Laney Henley  
Drew Taylor Hewitt

Shelby Hobbs  
Savannah House  
Nicole Jackson  
Grace Kehoe  
Cassidy Kelly  
Audrey Kim  
Katie LeClaire  
Caroline Lowe  
Chelsea Lowry  
Meredith Macy  
Sarah Madden  
Josephine Manville  
Mackenzie McAdams  
Hannah McBride  
Kaeli McCarty  
Samantha McCutchan  
Brandon McKnight  
Alison McMillin  
Remington Mealey  
Isabella Middleton  
Kara Mohar  
Shelby Monroe  
Sydney Monroe  
Allie Okopny  
Laurel Partyka  
Bailee Patton  
Anabelle Pelto  
Laura Plant  
Katie Prows-Lepera  
Shalynn Randel  
Madison Reed  
Kendall Rezek  
Betsi Riddle  
Nicole Rodriguez  
Eliya Rogoff  
Sausha Saunders

Ashlynn Seagle  
Katelyn Sette  
Grace Shaftner  
Mercedes Shannon  
Sydney Shelton  
Aidan Silverton  
Amanda Smith  
Hanna Speese  
Graham Troxell  
Annie Tupper  
Reilly Voit  
Erica Vrabec  
Sydney Young  
Taylor Young  
Selin Yulcinkaya

## LEVEL ONE

Elisabeth Acheson  
Erica Aldridge  
Elsa Alexander  
Devan Altman  
Lauren Amos  
Alana Bloomfield  
Libby Bowen  
Lilly Boyd  
Bjorn Brinkley  
Camille Brinkley  
Scarlett Brinkley  
Allison Burt  
Jenny Case  
Arielle Clauser  
Lauren Comer  
Sydney Craig  
Victoria Dawson  
Erinn DeMarco  
Cassidy Dolby

Eliessa Eddie  
Isabelle Fuchs  
Sydney Gardner  
Chloe Griffis  
William Grosspietsch  
Marjorie Hannamen  
Loewe Kasprenski  
Grace Kelly  
Lauren Kirk  
Megan Klostermeyer  
Kiersten Lockman  
Drew Mallery  
Emmie Neu  
Mallory Osborne  
Allie Poovey  
Alexa Pletcher  
Nicole Price  
Delaney Raker  
Emma Robinson  
Morgan Robinson  
Ashley Roe  
Jared Rowe  
Ainsley Ruley  
Samantha Sheets  
Aidan Silverton  
Camryn Silverton  
Hailley Stantz  
Rachel Starke  
Kyra Terenzio  
Caley Trujillo  
Halle Workman

## LEVEL TWO

Cecilia Ball  
Macy Blake  
Nika Lynn Cornell

Hannah Fowler  
Caroline Gomel  
Miriam Griswold  
Ellie Kangur  
Erin Kennedy  
Camryn Mallery  
Lily McNair  
Grant Middleton  
Cassie Neu  
Josie Neu  
Ashley Nickey  
Cara Rafanelli  
Maria Rodgers  
Lisa Simonis  
Ramsey Skrepenski  
Parker Todd  
Emily Vicari  
Brittany Wendt  
Brandon Wingett  
Laura Wood  
Kelsie Zuercher

## LEVEL THREE

Corie Allen  
Cassidy Ball  
Samantha Bannister  
Sydney Beason  
Gentry Beauclair  
Gabrielle Clauser  
Jennifer Connelly  
Taylor Cooley  
Victoria Daniel  
Kathryn Evans  
Christine Fitzgibbon  
Carmen Gonzalez  
Maria Gudger  
Claire Hankins  
Kirwan Kennedy  
Halle Lentz  
Ella Lentz

Maggie McElroy  
Erin McNaughton  
Katie McLaughlin  
Natalie Penegar  
Alexis Rasmussen  
Elizabeth Reimer  
Johonna Sheldon  
Mackenzie Todd  
Destiny West

## LEVEL FOUR

Lindsey Beckett  
Ellie Grosspietsch  
Amanda Isoda  
Jessica Kuzniewski  
Melina Labonte  
Michelle Porter  
Stephanie Stoley  
Hallie Ungerson  
Anna Grace Whitworth

## LEVEL FIVE

Ellie Grosspietsch  
Michaela Kratofil  
Jackie Taylor  
Hannah Vandeventer  
Madison Waddell

## LEVEL SIX

Alexandra Fischer  
3/2012  
Courtney Ball  
11/2011  
Alyssa Wedell 9/2011  
Lauren Ehrlicher  
2/2011  
Christy Stovall 3/2010  
Delynn Uttecht  
4/2010  
Alexis Fenger 9/2010  
*Current as of  
April 25, 2012*

# Alexandra Fischer



*Alexandra Fischer, 16, of Elgin, Illinois, has earned the high accomplishment of Saddle Time Level 6. Alexandra, daughter of Linda Olson, took a few moments recently to discuss her experience with Saddlebreds.*

**What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?:** I am a junior at Burlington Central High School.

**How long have you been riding?:** My entire life.

**Who is your instructor, and where is**

**he/she located?:** My instructors are Bonnie and Megan Kittredge at Woodwind Farm in McHenry, Illinois.

**How long did it take to earn your hours?:** About 3 years.

**What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.):** I took multiple lessons during the week, went on a few trail rides with my friend, and participated in horse shows.

**What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?:** I think it's a great way for equestrians to be recognized and rewarded for what they love.

**What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?:** How they present themselves in such an elegant and beautiful way while still being strong and bold.

**Who is your favorite horse and why?:** Twist and Shout, "Twister," was my first horse. Like an older brother, he would pick on me but in the end he was always there for me to learn not only how to be a better rider but a better person.

**Do you participate in other horse programs (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.):** I have participated in ASIYP since I was 9, and I have been an active member and President of the Wood Wind Showstoppers.

# Girl Scouts Earn Barn Girlz Rock Patch at Colorado Classic Horse Show

By Alice Hughes

Event organizer and volunteer,  
Girl Scouts of Colorado

Girl Scouts of Colorado partnered once again with the Colorado Classic Horse Show to offer the 6th annual Barn Girlz Rock event on April 14, 2012. Nearly 80 Girl Scouts, ages 10-12, attended the 36th annual Colorado Classic Horse Show to learn about horse health, horse care and the horse show industry.

The Girl Scouts watched the horse show to learn about the Saddlebred, Morgan and Arabian breeds. After the show, the girls rotated through 10 educational stations with topics such as: horse behavior, horse health, safety around horses, riding equipment and clothing, grooming, horse shoeing, adopting wild mustangs, barn tours and a horse trivia game.

"This event is fun," said Shea, 9, Lakewood, from Troop 3895. "Getting to pet and feed the horses is the best part."

The patient purebred Arabian horse "Just Smokin'" demonstrated equipment while presenter McKenna Caspers delved into the three styles of riding represented at the horse show and the beautiful equipment specific to each style.

"I have to admit that I'm scared of horses, but I love them so much," said Annabelle, 10, Denver, from Troop 3895. "Horses are so beautiful and they can talk to you with their ears, eyes, body and feet."

Girl Scouts learned how messy it is to brush a furry pony at the grooming station. Godzilla, a mini-Shetland pony left an explosion of creamy white fur on the ground much to the Girl Scouts' delight.

"This is so fun to brush a pony," said Sarah, 10, Lakewood, from Troop 2801. "I've never done this before. I've never been this close to a horse before." Sarah's sister Willa, 11, chimed in "I like making patterns in her fur."

Troop 2510 from Wheatridge learned the complicated process of making a horse shoe from farrier Del



Rebecca, 9, Troop 3450, from Highlands Ranch, holds the lead rope of American Saddlebred gelding I'm Hot You're Not at the Safety Around Horses station.

Slaugh. He demonstrated how he makes a horse shoe from a piece of steel, heating it until it is bright yellow at 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit and then shaping it with his hammer. Each group of Girl Scouts got to take a completed, but still warm horse shoe home with them.

"It looks like hard work to be a farrier," said Miranda, 10, Wheatridge, from Troop 2520. "My favorite things about horses are that they are beautiful and graceful. Horses just click with me!"

At the veterinary station, Dr. Lauren Fischer described a horse's skeletal structure and drew bones on a Shetland pony named Chili. Girl Scouts also listened to Chili's heart beat and lungs breathing.

"That was cool listening to a horse's heart beat," said Jacqueline, 9, Aurora, from Troop 2105. "I love horses. They are calm and lovely. I like riding them too at Girl Scout camp."

After the event, girls could continue their education with a special take-

home notebook filled with horse facts, fun activities and equine industry contact information. Girls could also win free riding lessons donated by professional horse trainers.

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls, with 3.2 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries.

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# YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT THE 2012 WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW

## DON'T RIDE AROUND IN A PLAIN JANE GOLF CART Enter the ASHA Youth Golf Cart Decorating Contest



Everyone knows ASHA Youth are creative, and here's another way to show it!

Prizes will be given in different categories and ages (13 & Under and 14-21). \$20 entry fee.

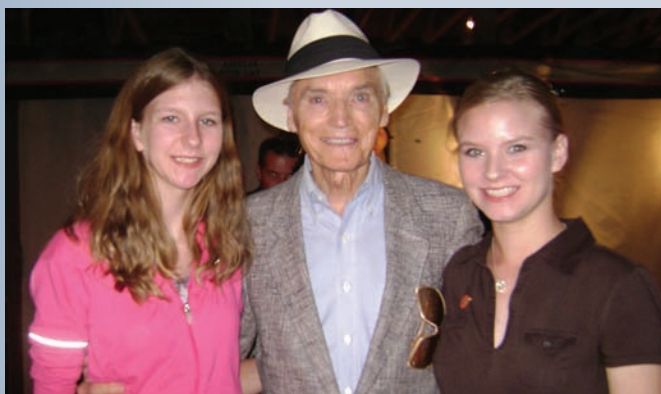
Categories include Best Horse Theme, Glitziest Golf Cart, Home Barn Theme, Regional Decoration (i.e. Georgia Peach), Your Horse's Name Theme (i.e. Miss Outta My Way), Holiday Themed, Zaniest, ASHA Youth Group Name Theme, Occupation Themed, and Animal Theme (other than horse).

To participate, please contact Brenda Newell at [b.newell@asha.net](mailto:b.newell@asha.net) or 859-475-1461.

(GOLF CART DRIVER MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE)

## YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT

The annual Youth Scavenger Hunt returns to the World's Championship Horse Show. Be sure to bring your cameras!



## JUNIOR JUDGING CONTEST

Walk in the shoes of a World's Championship Horse Show judge. Awards presented to the winners in the 13 and under and 14-20 age divisions.





# USEF High School Equestrian Athlete Program

The USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program recognizes the accomplishments of young equestrians and encourages their future involvement in the sport. The program is open to all equestrian athletes enrolled in grades 9-12, who are members of USEF or join USEF.



## Join!

Become a member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and apply for the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program.

## Ride!

Each year you will need 100 recorded hours of riding, driving or training, as well as three approved competitions. Each program year runs June 1 - May 31.



## Send it in!

Submit verification of your training hours and competitions, as well as proof of enrollment in grades 9-12. This may be entered through the USEF User Login at [usef.org](http://usef.org) or mailed to the USEF office.

## Wear it with pride!

Let everyone know you are a USEF High School Equestrian Athlete! Order your free varsity patch and pin after receiving the congratulatory email and Certificate of Achievement from USEF.



## Earn grants!

USEF will award a limited number of grants for educational or equestrian pursuits to students who complete one or more years of the program and are members of a USEF Recognized or International Affiliate Association. USEF will also award a limited number of grants to high schools and clubs to cover equestrian program costs. Visit [usef.org](http://usef.org) for more details.

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# READER CONTRIBUTIONS

*Each year, ASHA Charter Club ASA of Alabama holds an essay contest for youth to explain their love of Saddlebreds. This year's topic was, "What Does Riding Mean to Me?" Below are two of the many excellent responses received.*

By Jenny Leech

I am the daughter of two horse trainers, and I basically grew up on horses. I am an average teenage girl. I happen to be outgoing, I talk a lot, I like to teach people, and like everyone in the world, I have bad days. I am sure that there are many things people can do to feel better on a bad day; my activity of choice is riding a horse. Horses never judge, they never make fun, they never tease or joke at inappropriate times, they are always there for you, and they always listen — whether they want to or not.

What does riding mean to me? It seems like such a simple question, but it is extremely hard to put an answer into words. I do not know how to fully explain the huge impact riding has had on my life. It is everything to me — a hobby, a sport, and most of all a lifestyle. I have



been riding horses since I was born. Horses have made a huge impact on my life. Throughout most of my high school career, when most kids hang out with friends on Friday nights and goof off, I have been in a barn, riding, practicing, learning, and watching horses change lives.

It is amazing to see how a horse can impact a life. I met a boy named Michael, and he was autistic. I met him when he was 18. He needed a job, and he liked horses. He was really sweet and shy, he would never look at you in the eyes, he could not hold a conversation, and he did not understand how to complete a simple task like sweeping a floor. He came to the barn everyday and I started to teach him simple tasks like sweeping the barn, watering horses, and getting shavings for the stalls.

One day I walked into a stall and saw

him talking to a horse named Sprite. I could tell he wanted to ride. So the next week I got permission and I got Sprite ready for Michael. I brought Sprite out and told Michael it was his turn. He started to cry he was so happy. I got him on and I led him around. Michael completely opened up, he talked, he laughed, and he made eye contact. When Michael was finished riding Sprite he hugged me. I was so shocked to see how being around a horse had given him confidence. Sprite completely changed his life.

Even though Michael and I are not the same, seeing how a horse had changed his life led me to realize that horses have the same emotional affect on me. You have a special bond with a horse that cannot be explained. Horses mean the world to me, and on a day-to-day basis they shape and change my life for the better.

*Jenny rides with Winsalot Stables in Guntersville, Alabama*

By Layla Z. Tatum

"Turn your hands into each other!"  
"Slow down your posting! You don't have to post as fast as he's trotting!"

"Change Layla, change!"

Change. Slow down. Grace. Control...

Do you hear that? It's the sound of my heart pounding as I tell you about what riding means to me. Maybe you noticed just now that I said I'm telling you about myself and not riding.

If I was in a dance studio right now I wouldn't be myself. If I was standing on a field with a black and white soccer ball dancing beneath me, I wouldn't be myself. If I were anxiously waiting to attend an art conference, I wouldn't be me.

I don't know when riding became a part of me. Maybe it happened years ago when the equestrian world was still new to me or maybe it happened a week ago. I just know it happened. Right now, if I were to climb down

from this beautiful beast and throw away my gloves and whip forever, I think I would die a little inside. That part of me would slowly fade away; it would desperately grab back onto the reins and climb back into the saddle.

Riding is the one thing in life that I can honestly say makes me want to tip my head back and scream "I love this!" Maybe I'm so turned on by riding because of the fact that I'm a complete adrenaline junky. Maybe I see the horse as how I wish I could see myself — something with beauty beyond compare, tamed, but still untamed at heart. Something with the power of eight adult men, but with the gentleness of a lamb.

Riding is not a sport to me, or a hobby, or even a lifestyle choice. Riding for me is fate. It is intertwined with my heart, my soul, my being. I've tried ballet, I've tried tennis, I've tried soccer, I've tried choir, I've tried piano, I've

tried acting, I've done it all a million times over. Riding is the blood running through my veins.

No matter what I do, I always end back up at the same place — a stable, a barn, a pasture. My shelves have always been filled with books on horses, how to care for a horse, the history of horses and man. I truly believe that it was fate that I start riding. Nothing less or nothing more.

Riding is an art form. You must have style, class, elegance, and presence, while all the while you're trying to control a thousand pound beast. That to me is completely different from ramming your body into people, or running as fast as your heart will take you.

Riding for me is not a hobby. It is not a sport. It is a part of me. It is me.

*Layla is 13 years old and rides with Stepping Stone Farm in Chelsea, Alabama*

# CLUB HAPPENINGS



The Cash Lovell Stables' Little Bits Youth Club of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, began their 2012 show season with the American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas Winter Tournament. Shown at top is Academy rider Sydney Glenn and below is Academy rider Kylie Jankowicz.

## LOVELL'S LITTLE BITS NORTH CAROLINA

The Cash Lovell Stables' Little Bits Youth Club in Winston-Salem, North Carolina kicked off the new year with great plans for the 2012 Show Season!

First on the list were two Youth Club road trips — one to the ASAC Convention in Concord, NC, and the other to the ASHA Annual Convention and Youth Conference in Lexington, KY. Many of their youth club members attended the conferences and had wonderful weekends filled with educational activities, youth meetings, awards, great food and dancing!

Next, their riders got to work raising funds and collecting items for their winter and spring community service projects. During the first few months of 2012, the Little Bits supported Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center, CLS's Ghana Orphan Relief Fund, the Ronald McDonald House of Winston Salem, Play for Peace Global Initiative and Crisis Control Ministry.

Their Youth Club also held five different meetings to start the year off right! Barn Safety, Show Rider and Academy Rider preparation and a mission trip to Ghana were just a few of the subjects they covered in January, February and March!

They began their official 2012 Show Season at Latta Park Plantation in Huntersville, NC. The American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas held their Winter Tournament and the Little Bits were happy to bring almost 30 new and seasoned riders to participate in this exciting show! After practicing at the Winter Tournament, they were ready for the Raleigh Spring Premiere Horse Show in Raleigh, NC. They had a great turnout, loads of fun and celebrated the efforts of all their riders!

As they move on into the summer months, the Little Bits are looking forward to riding clinics with Scott Matton of Knollwood Farms, Cash Lovell Stables Spring Charity Fun Show to benefit Horses Against Hunger and attending one of Cash Lovell Stables' five different summer camps. They will be competing in horse shows such as JD Massey Classic, Asheville Lion's Club Benefit, and Blowing Rock Charity.

## BRIDLEWAY BARN STORMERS ARIZONA

The Bridleway Barnstormers from Scottsdale, Arizona started 2012 off right with a successful Arizona Livestock Show held the first weekend of January.

They welcomed farrier Monte Masterful to their January meeting to give a demonstration on horse shoeing. They learned the importance of properly shoeing a horse and why, "Shoes are a horse's best friend."

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual American Saddlebred Association of Arizona Awards were held January 22, 2012. The Bridleway Barn Stormers again swept the ASAA Awards winning in every category! Way to go, Barn Stormers!

Winners were:

**Cassidy Ball:** Showmanship in Hand 9 & 10 Reserve, Equitation Riders 10 & Under Reserve





The Bridleway Barn Stormers have had a busy start to the year. Clockwise from top left: The Barnstormers took home lots of awards from the 5th annual American Saddlebred Association of Arizona Awards Ceremony held January 22, 2012. The group welcomed farrier Monte Masterful to their January meeting to give a demonstration on horse shoeing. The Barn Stormers also showed at the Arizona Livestock Show in January.

**Courtney Ball:** Showmanship in Hand 11-14 Champion, OTAB English Pleasure Jr. Exhibitor Champion

**Marshalle Berge:** OTAB English Pleasure Amateur Champion

**Coley Bigelow:** Showmanship in Hand 9 & 10 Champions, Equitation Riders 10 & Under Champion

**Emily Burg:** Showmanship in Hand 11-14 Reserve

**Emily Chapman:** Equitation Riders 14-17 Reserve

**Finn Cooper:** Academy Equitation 8 & Under W/T Champion

**Eliessa Eddie:** Academy Equitation 8 & Under W/T Reserve, Academy Showmanship 8 & Under W/T Reserve

**Maitlin Hunt:** Academy Equitation 11-17 WTC Reserve, Academy Showmanship 11-17 WTC Reserve

**Sophie Isom:** Equitation Riders 11-13 Champion

**Kendall Kelledy:** Academy Equitation 6 & Under Leadline W/T Champion, Academy Showmanship 8 & Under Leadline W/T Champion

**Kirwan Kennedy:** Show Pleasure Jr. Exhibitor Champion, Show Pleasure Driving Champion, Equitation Riders 14-17 Champion

**Caitlin Moffett:** Western Country Pleasure Champion, Western Country Pleasure 17 & Under Champion, OTAB Western Country Pleasure Champion

**Sean Michael Moffett:** Academy Eq-

uitation & Showmanship 10 & Under WTC Champion, Academy Equitation & Showmanship Western

**Brandi Parker:** Country Pleasure Jr. Exhibitor Reserve

**Michelle Porter:** Showmanship in Hand 14-17 Champion, Academy Equitation 11-17 WTC Champion

**Addy Quigley:** Academy Equitation 8 & Under Leadline Walk Only Reserve, Academy Showmanship 8 & Under Leadline Walk Only Champion

**Eliya Rogoff:** Academy Equitation 7 & 8 Leadline W/T Reserve

**Skylar Stepien:** Academy Equitation 9 & 10 W/T Champion, Academy Showmanship 9 & 10 W/T Champion

**Hallie Ungerson:** Academy Showmanship 11-17 WTC Reserve

## BRANNON BARNSTERS KENTUCKY

The Brannon Barnsters from Georgetown, Kentucky held a Mounted Pony Games fundraiser for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund on March 10, 2012 to help raise funds for the tornado survivors from the recent tornadoes that came through their state. They collected several bags of clothing, food and toys and raised \$325. Special thanks to Nancy Brannon for donating her time and the mounts, Casey, Fancy, Huck, Merry, Moe, and Stanley. Also thanks to the volunteers for setting up and helping with the lead lining: Ben, Natalie, Zoe, Mackenzie, Jayna, Anita, and Bronzie. Of course, many thanks to all that participated in the games!



The Brannon Barnsters held a Mounted Pony Games fundraiser to assist survivors of a series of deadly tornadoes that hit Kentucky.

## ABBY ROAD RIDERS MISSOURI

In April, the Abby Road Riders went to William Woods University to view the World Cup tryouts.



Tall Tails members help at the ASHAM booth at the Michigan Stallion Expo.

phone and entertained the crowd with his unique perspective of the 2011 season and hopes for 2012. Following the presentation, the Knockouts continued the celebration on the dance floor until the Bristlecone Pine staff politely suggested it was time to end the evening—truly a sign that a good time was had by all!

## KNOLLWOOD KNOCKOUTS WISCONSIN

Award banquet season got off to a rousing start with the Knollwood Knockouts Annual Award Banquet.

A record gathering of more than 130 members turned out to celebrate the 2011 show season and to look forward to 2012. The Legend at Bristlecone once again provided a beautiful setting for this formal yet fun event. Team Knollwood enjoyed a lively social hour to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. With the large group attendance, it was easy to meet lots of new interesting people to talk horses with! They enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and then settled in for the evening's awards presentations.

2011 Knockout President Sydney Buzinski recapped all the events of the past year, including the inaugural helper Olympics, ASAW car wash, supporting our troops overseas, and the many other charitable activities for the group.

2012 President Shelby Hader then addressed the crowd and promised to continue the great work Syd had done in her term. Shelby and her officers are looking forward to trying some new events as well this year, including support of the Honor Flight Network. Awards were presented for both 'in barn' and 'out of barn' academy showing, as well as for the 'A' and 'B' circuits. In addition, high point awards were presented for each circuit. Champion and Reserve High Point winners all received garment bags, rolling duffels, or tote bags, each embroidered with their name and title! Academy riders who earned medallions from ASHA were also recognized.

A year in review video highlighting the people and animals of Knollwood entertained the crowd with memories of Knockouts riding, planking and having fun. Images of Forest, Skeet and Dean provided comic relief from the animal set.

Scott Matton then took the micro-

## TALL TAILS MICHIGAN

Tall Tails members have been very busy this year, starting with helping to run and participating in the Michigan Academy Program shows from January through March. They will be attending an awards banquet in May to wrap up the Winter MAP show season. This just in time to start the barn Fun Shows, held from Spring through the Fall season.

Many members also attended the ASHA Youth Conference in February, where they received numerous Academy medals, ribbons, and Showmanship Awards. The club received the Outstanding Achievement in Promotions. They really enjoyed all the activities as well as the farm tours. Upon returning, the club held a meeting where some members prepared posters and a presentation on the trip for all those that could not go to the conference. The new Badge Workshop schedule was worked out, to begin



on alternating Wednesdays for the rest of the year.

March has been the busiest month of all, starting with members working at the Michigan Stallion Expo held at the Michigan State University. They helped staff the ASAM booth, passing out literature to attendees and giving out Saddlebred tattoos to the young visitors.

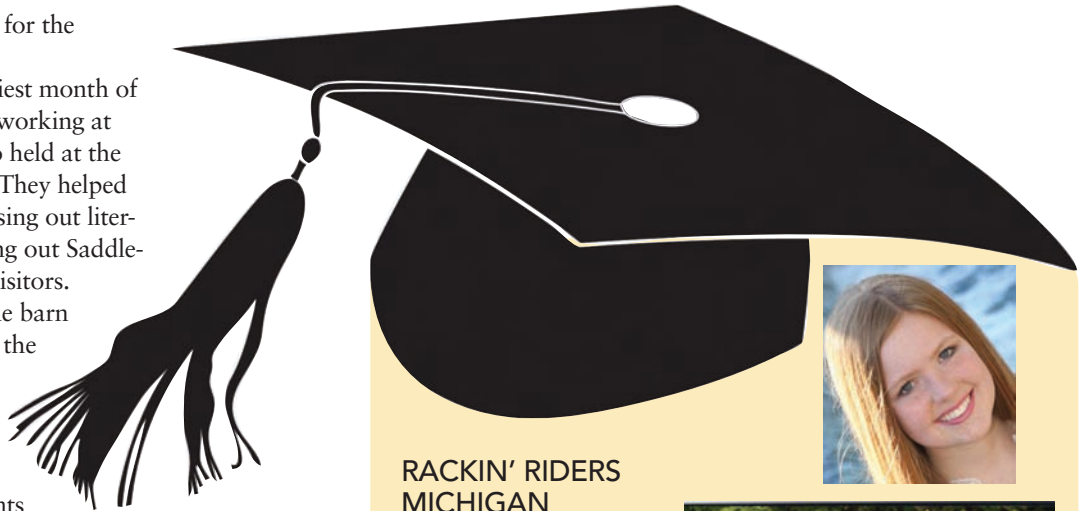
Another event held at the barn was a Saddleseat Clinic for the local Goodrich Schools Equestrian Team. Many of the Tall Tails riders wore their show apparel, and demonstrated the finer points of Saddleseat equitation “do’s” and “don’ts.” This was very well received by the Equestrian Team members, and after the demonstration, E-Team members rode and received a lesson themselves in Saddleseat equitation.

March also brought the annual Spring Egg Hunt Festival at the barn. They had beautiful sunny weather, and the largest turnout to join in the egg hunt, hidden in and all around the barn and grounds. Photos with the Easter Bunny, pony rides, and hayrides were also enjoyed. A bake sale in the lounge, and a silent auction fundraiser for the club were held, and attendees donated canned food for local shelters. It was a very successful event!

The first weekend in April, trainer Brenda Benner flew up from Missouri to give the members a three-day clinic, during which private and group lessons were given. Many took advantage of the clinic, and got to work on areas they felt they needed the most improvement in their riding. Thank you to Brenda Benner!

Spring also brought the opportunity for the adoption of Robert Redford from the Saddlebred Rescue. He is fast becoming a favorite for lesson riders at the barn, and has been in a few Academy shows already. Welcome Red!

Earth Day is approaching, and the club is planning a clean-up day at the Goodrich Plaza, a shopping center nearby. Other activities voted on by the club for this summer will be attending an American Horseman Challenge competition nearby where they will watch all levels of competitors take their horses through a timed course of really unusual and challenging obstacles. They also voted to visit a horse surgical clinic



### RACKIN' RIDERS MICHIGAN

The Rackin' Riders would like to recognize two of their riders that are graduating from high school this year!

Cassidy Dolby (bottom right) will be graduating from Linden High School.

Taylor Gunderson (top right) will be graduating from Pinckney High School.

Congratulations!



in mid-Michigan, and also have invited a local horse chiropractor to give a demonstration.

Beyond all these activities, Tall Tails is looking forward to a very fun and rewarding summer show season!

### JOHNNY 6 SADDLE CLUB CALIFORNIA

The Johnny 6 Saddle Club has been having a great time learning and having fun with the horses. They enjoyed having guest Amanda Apesos, an equine chiropractor, give a demo. They also learned a lot about anatomy.

The club meetings ranged from clinics to learning to wash a horse to participating in a Saddlebred Art Show. They also had some of the Johnny 6 Saddlers make up their first ever drill team, all riding saddleseat on Saddlebreds. Their first demonstration was at the Fall Fun Horse Show and the six-rider team did a great job!

A few of the members joined the Saddle Time Program and a few achieved the Tack, Mythology, and Saddlebred badges through the ASIYP program. They are looking forward to another fun filled year.



The Johnny 6 Saddle Club.

### RIDGE RIDERS OHIO

The Ridge Riders is a new club based out of Saddle Ridge Farm in Chesapeake, Ohio, owned by Marsha and Curtis Anderson. There has been a lot of interest in the youth club from both the children and parents involved in the lesson program at Saddle Ridge run by Toria Heck. At their first meeting, the Ridge Riders elected officers to lead the club for the upcoming year. Many of the officers have been involved with ASHA and



The VPF Stirrup Squad writes letters to American soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

showing American Saddlebreds for years and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge of the breed as well as learning more about American Saddlebreds throughout the great learning experiences the club is hoping to plan.

This is a new experience for many of the riders involved and the first meetings were spent discussing what amazing opportunities a youth club has to offer the kids participating. There were sign-up sheets passed around for many programs such as the Academy Awards, High School Equestrian Athlete, Saddle Time and UPHA Ribbons of Service.

The Ridge Riders are not just interested in what a youth club can do for them, but what the youth club can do for the American Saddlebred breed and their community. They are interested in helping with Saddlebred rescues and the Susan G. Komen Foundation and hope to soon have some fundraisers underway in the names of these organizations. In the next meeting, they will be learning more about showing horses and the intricacies involved in getting ready for a show. Everything from clothes to hair and makeup will be discussed along with show ring manners and what they will be judged on.

The Ridge Riders are looking into the

possibility of getting involved in junior judging competitions to better understand what to look for when picking a winner and how to better themselves by watching others. An upcoming field trip to the Kentucky Horse Park will also be discussed along with fundraising to pay for the trip.

The Ridge Riders are looking forward to an exciting year of learning more about the breed and getting involved in their community to share their love of horses through community service and good character.

### VPF STIRRUP SQUAD TEXAS

The Stirrup Squad is off to a big start in 2012. Club members have had three meetings to date and are well on their way to a record year.

The group met in January to elect officers for the new year, discuss possible club activities, community involvement, and select their charities. The February meeting was a fun one. They enjoyed snacks and Valentine's fun and reviewed lessons learned during the VPF Saddle Seat Clinic with Lynda Freseth. The group got down to business as they presented their riders' 2011 Academy Award Medals and surprised everyone with the presentation of the 2011

ASHA Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Continuing on this path, the group took some time to write personal letters of thanks to soldiers serving in Afghanistan and spent the rest of the afternoon grooming and loving on the school horses.

March brought the first two shows of the year for them. Many members attended the Texas High Point Awards Banquet during the SASHA show and began their fundraising efforts by selling bags of homemade horse treats throughout the weekend. They met on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the farm, during which the group formed a plan to continue the sale of the horse treats at the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show. They spent a few hours, working as a team, preparing over 650 packets of information for elementary students who would be attending the Pin Oak Education Day. These packets included ASHA brochures, a Pin Oak Show Program, a ticket to the horse show, and coloring books.

April 7 brought the third annual VPF Crawfish Boil and Easter Egg Hunt. Always a popular event, it was a fun-filled day of great food and family fun.

Their next meeting will be in May, during which they will plan their summer events.





The High Caliber Hot Shots supported the Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, by providing a thorough cleaning!

## LITTLE LEGACYS ARIZONA

The Little Legacys is a new youth group from Cave Creek, Arizona that has combined an ASHA and AMHA (American Morgan Horse Association) youth group. The club was established this January!

Little Legacys have organized their monthly meetings with activities planned for each. Upcoming events include developing horsemanship skills, fundraising, and educational seminars. Club members will also participate in upcoming horse shows this season. Some members will start their first show with Academy classes while others have moved up to full suit classes. And as always, everyone will be there to cheer each other on!

Last but not least, the youth raised \$200 at the Carousel Horse Show selling crafts they made. The money was given to the Horse Rhythm Foundation, which is committed to offering highly specialized equine assisted services, outdoor therapies, and wellness for veterans, first responders, and their families suffering from war time afflictions, mental health disorders, and physical disabilities. They also donated a gift basket valued at \$200 to the Arizona Saddlebred Horse Association.

The members are looking forward to the upcoming summer and all the activities they have planned. It will be very busy, but that is just how they like it!

## HIGH CALIBER HOT SHOTS NORTH CAROLINA

After the move to the new location of High Caliber Stables, the High Caliber Hot Shots got busy and stepped out to meet some of their new neighbors!

In February, the Hot Shots visited Countryside Manor in Stokesdale to deliver handmade valentine cards to the residents. The residents greeted the Hot Shots with big smiles and were appreciative of the valentines as well as the time spent with such a dynamic group of young people.

A group of the Hot Shots made the trip to Kentucky to attend the ASHA Youth Conference and congratulate fellow Hot Shot Drew Taylor Hewitt, who received the Frank Ogletree Youth Award. They were also recipients of two Youth Club Awards: Membership and Meetings and Programs.

Finally, the Hot Shots also continue to support the Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem by providing bags of toiletries for the guests. It is amazing to see how many small bottles



The Little Legacys of Arizona are one of ASHA's newest youth clubs! They have already raised \$200 selling crafts and given it to the Horse Rhythm Foundation.





of shampoo and lotion can be collected after a horse show! Since the Ronald McDonald House relies on volunteer work to provide their service, the Hot Shots rolled up their sleeves to help clean the house. There were lots of paper towels and bottles of Windex involved as well as lots of smiling faces working together!

## EQUITATE EQUESTRIANS WISCONSIN

The Equitate Equestrians Youth Group has been busy this year! They had a lot of fun organizing a roller skating party for the barn and participating in their annual fall festivities. They also learned about each other's different cultures and backgrounds. One family shared their Chinese New Year customs and another barn family from Russia shared their Russian heritage with them!

In addition, they are always learning more about their horses and showing. At one meeting they made snappy whip tubes and at another they had grooming contests.

They also were busy with community service projects and demonstrating their care for the greater good by partnering with Soles4Souls, which is a non-profit organization that collects new shoes to give relief to victims of abject suffering and collects used shoes to support micro-business efforts to eradicate poverty. Members of the club and friends collected more than 100 pairs of shoes for this effort.

They also have been busy creating Mo-Neighs (horse muzzle paintings) and plan to sell them at the UPHA show to raise funds for local farm owner Richard Wright and his Black Tie Stables in McHenry, Illinois who lost his farm and house in a fire. They have already donated \$300. And back at the barn, Youth Club members and parents graciously donated their time and effort to get the farm ready for summer by cleaning, painting, weeding, etc. They love what they do and enjoy spending their time together!

The Equitate Equestrians along with ASHA mascots Max and Maxine represented the breed in the Christmas Parade in December. Max and Maxine were a big hit and everyone had a great time!



**Above:** Beyond cleaning the Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the High Caliber Hot Shots also provided bags of toiletries for their guests.

The Equitate Equestrians Youth Group learned about each other's cultures and backgrounds earlier this year. One family shared their Chinese New Year customs.





**Left:** The Equitate Equestrians have been busy creating Mo-Neighs to sell at a UPHA show to raise funds for a local farm owner whose property was destroyed in a fire.

**Above:** The youth club has also collected more than 100 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls.

# A SADDLEBRED CHRISTMAS

Clockwise from top left: The Equitate Equestrians were the Little Saddlers in their local Christmas parade. Denver joined ASHA mascots Max & Maxine at the parade. Skylar Fritsche brushed Denver before the festivities.







# 2012 ASHA Youth Driving Challenge

## Show Pleasure Driving • Country Pleasure Driving

### Qualifies for 2012 finals

**May 18-20:** Great River Benefit, Iowa Equestrian Center, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, [horseshowcalendar.com](http://horseshowcalendar.com), Mark Weber, [markweber100@comcast.net](mailto:markweber100@comcast.net)

**May 31 to June 2:** Nebraska Charity Horse Show, Lancaster Event Center, 4100 North 84th St., Lincoln, NE 68507, Sue DeBoer, 402.553.7699, [sqr9@aol.com](mailto:sqr9@aol.com)

**June 8-10:** Jersey Classic Horse Show, Horse Park of New Jersey, 626 Route 524, Allentown, NJ 08501, [www.ashanj.net](http://www.ashanj.net), Joan Booth, 908.995.9807, [asb.nj@verizon.net](mailto:asb.nj@verizon.net)

**June 12-15:** Charity Fair, San Diego County Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014, [www.charityfairhorseshow.com](http://www.charityfairhorseshow.com), Harriet Landrum, 805.687.8711, [hipharriet@hotmail.com](mailto:hipharriet@hotmail.com)

**June 12-16:** Midwest Charity, Illinois State Fairgrounds Coliseum, 801 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702, [www.midwestcharity.com](http://www.midwestcharity.com), Judy Kjellander, 217.793.0670, [judybjk@aol.com](mailto:judybjk@aol.com)

**June 27-30:** Syracuse International, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209, Julie Kritzler, 315.736.1928, [jandb9115@gmail.com](mailto:jandb9115@gmail.com)

**June 27-30:** Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 1784 Judson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, [www.horseshowcalendar.com](http://www.horseshowcalendar.com), Sally Snyder Tesch, 763.559.4896, [sstesch@juno.com](mailto:sstesch@juno.com)

**July 6-7:** Huntsville Horse Show, Huntsville Fairgrounds, Sutliff Stadium, Huntsville, MO 65259, July 6-7, Lynn Frazee, 573.696.3601, [terry661@centurytel.net](mailto:terry661@centurytel.net)

**July 24-28:** Blue Ridge Classic, WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732, [www.blueridgeclassic.com](http://www.blueridgeclassic.com), Liz Holmes, 919.563.5992, [lizholmes@mebtel.net](mailto:lizholmes@mebtel.net)

**July 26-28:** UPHA Chapter 15 Children's Benefit, Gloucester County D.R.E.A.M. Park, 400 Rt. 130 South, Logan Township, NJ 08085, July 26-28, [www.horseshowcentral.com](http://www.horseshowcentral.com), Ann Scussell, 518.423.3354, [annscussell@msn.com](mailto:annscussell@msn.com)

**August 2-4:** ETSA Mid-Summer Classic, WSCC Great Smoky Mountain Expo Center, 1615 Pavilion Dr., White Pine, TN 37890, [www.ws.edu/expo](http://www.ws.edu/expo), Tammie Moore, 423.586.3602, [tammiem88@yahoo.com](mailto:tammiem88@yahoo.com)

**August 31 to September 2:** ASAM Summer Spectacular, Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Rd., Topsfield, MA 01983, [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org), Ricky Drew, 207.272.0082, [asamnews@yahoo.com](mailto:asamnews@yahoo.com)

**September 7-12:** Iowa Fall Classic, Iowa Equestrian Center, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Falls, IA 50613, Gloria Paulsen, 319.266.3363, [gpaulsen@cfu.net](mailto:gpaulsen@cfu.net)

**October 5-7:** Mid-Atlantic Fall Finale, Gloucester County Dream Park, 400 U.S. Rte. 130 South, Logan Township, NJ 08085, October 5-7, Ann Scussell, 518.423.3354, [annscussell@msn.com](mailto:annscussell@msn.com)

**Finals will be held November 13-17:**  
**UPHA/American Royal National Championship**, Hale Arena, 1701 American Royal Ct., Kansas City, MO 64102, November 13-17, [www.americanroyal.com](http://www.americanroyal.com), Beth Snider, 502.647.0076, [bethandscott@kih.net](mailto:bethandscott@kih.net)



# Turn your Feed Bags into Scholarships for Our Youth!



Youth Clubs are asked to help support our ASHA Youth Scholarships by participating in our ASHA Triple Crown Scholarship Contest, where the clubs compete against each other by collecting the proof of purchases from Triple Crown and Southern States Legends horse feed bags.

We can even earn money for bulk purchases of feed by submitting the original copy of the delivery ticket! Ask your neighbors and those large barns in your area you've been dying to see to save them for you. The proofs of purchases will need to be submitted under your club name to the ASHA for tabulation.

The club earning the most money toward the scholarships will be recognized and awarded at each of our Triple Crown shows — Lexington Junior League, World's Championship Horse Show and the UPHA American Royal Horse Show.

Valid proofs of purchase include Triple Crown 10% & 14% Performance, Lite, Low Starch, Senior, Growth, Complete, 12% & 30% Supplements, Triple Crown Grass Forage, Alfalfa Forage, Safe Starch Forage, Southern States and Legends Horse Feeds. More brands may be added as we enhance the program.

ASHA Youth Clubs may participate in this contest by contacting Brenda Newell at 859-475-1461 or [b.newell@asha.net](mailto:b.newell@asha.net).







# Congratulations!

**Kiersten Lockman, Kannapolis, NC  
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