

Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

February 2017 News

The Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association is off to a great start in 2017! We had a great MQHA Convention and youth meeting at Tan-Tar-A and I am pleased to announce your 2017 MQHYA Officer Team!

President: Justin Eddy

Vice-President: Savanna Higgins

Reporter: Hannah Inchiostro

Executive Director-Social Chair: Maddox Murphy

Executive Director- Membership Chair: Giorgia Medows

Directors: Isaiah Chandler, Katherine Dixon, Evelyn Doles, Abigail Eddy, Paige Wellendorf and Elleigh Wood

This year, we will once again be participating in the Show-Me Equine Summit at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis on February 24-26. This will be a weekend filled with clinics, a round table discussion, horse judging seminar and just about anything that interests horse enthusiasts. MQHYA will have their consignment clothing set up at the event. Also, we will have a booth set up in the vendor area to share information about our organization with everyone in attendance. We need members and officers of our association to be able to help at this amazing event. If you are able to attend, please let me know ahead of time so that we can plan accordingly.

The Spring show season is right around the corner! The remaining qualifying shows for the youth world are:

March 4-5 - Ozark QH Show in Carthage, MO

April 8-9 - Ozark QH Show in Carthage, MO

Your officer team is also working to plan some great social events/fundraisers this year. We are in the process of planning an exhibitor pizza party and silent auction at the Gateway Classic in May, the possibility of egg & spoon classes at some of the Ozark QH Shows and have discussed possibly hosting paid warm ups at the Ranch Versatility show in May. These events will be held to help financially support our Youth World and Congress NYATT teams as well as year-end awards. **We will be holding a Youth meeting/dinner at The Equine Summit to work out final details for this year's activities. We will meet on Friday evening, following the Horse Judging Clinic/Workshop (around 6:00pm). Please meet at the youth table in the vendor area and then we'll head next door to Donatelli's for dinner! Please let myself or Youth Advisor, Cara Harmon know if you are planning to attend the dinner.**

Mark your calendars for the [AQHYA Youth Excellence Seminar](#) to be held in Amarillo, Texas July 11-14. This is a really cool event that allows you to explore leadership opportunities and meet youth with similar interests from all across the country and the world.

We also have the AQHYA World Show, which will be held August 4-12 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. If you plan to be on the world team, make sure you get your Letter of Intent turned in as soon as possible. Remember, your points do not start to count for our available slots until you turn in your Letter of Intent. There are so many other competitions besides showing at the world show too, such as judging teams, speech competitions, art contests and more. Go to AQHYA's website to explore [all contest opportunities](#).

If you haven't renewed your MQHA Membership for 2017, this is the time to do so! You can find the 2017 membership form on MQHA's website, [here](#).

Thank you for electing me to be your MQHYA President for 2017. I feel truly blessed and honored to hold this position and will do all I can to grow our membership and have more fun!

Best Regards,

Justin Eddy
MQHYA President