

Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

May 2017 News

Hello, I hope this letter finds everyone doing well! I can't believe it is already May! The Gateway Classic show is coming right up May 25-29 at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis, so I wanted to let you know what's going on. *I know this is a longer newsletter, but there is a lot of important information, so please read everything carefully!*

This year we are once again hosting a pizza party on Friday evening at the Gateway show for all exhibitors. We need your help setting up tables, filling coolers with drinks, serving salad and pizza, and cleaning up afterwards. *If you have a large cooler that you are willing to let us use for the day, please contact Cara asap.* The exhibitor party will start as soon as the show ends. If you'll be at the show, come help us! I'm sure we will all have a lot of fun!

We will be hosting a silent auction on Thursday and Friday of the show as a fundraiser. We are asking that each family donate an item or basket for the auction. If you will be at the show, just bring it with you. Please be sure the basket arrives to the show on Thursday, so exhibitors can begin bidding! If you can't attend, but would like to donate an item, let Cara or I know and we'll figure out the best way to get it from you. These fundraisers are our largest of the year, so we need them to be a huge success!

If you are a director at large, please make a poster or two for the fundraisers. Details for these posters are included below. Any youth members who are not a director and would like to create a flyer or poster are encouraged and welcome to do so! The youth who creates the best poster will receive a special gift at the show!

POSTER DETAILS:

- Pizza Party:
 - Date: Friday, May 26
 - Time: Immediately following the show
 - Sponsored by MQHYA
 - Proceeds go towards our youth world show expenses
 - Pizza and salad by Donatelli's

- Silent Auction:
 - Thursday & Friday
 - We will conclude bidding during the exhibitor party on Friday evening
 - Sponsored by MQHYA
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 - Bid on your favorite items!

After the exhibitor party, we will hold a membership and World Team meeting to discuss plans for this year's Youth World Show. I hope you are all planning to show or compete in one of the leadership events this year. Be sure to join us that Friday night so we can plan a great week in August!

Speaking of the World Team, all contests for the 2017 AQHYA World Championship Show have been posted! There is an array of fun contests for you to participate in, including art and photo contests,

horse judging, speech, and Wrangler jeans and Justin boots decorating contests. Having youth participate in these contests helps our overall team awards at the Youth World. MQHYA sponsors the entry fee for these contests for youth who participate in them! Look over [all the contest information, here](#) and contact Cara if you would like to participate! *The entry deadline is June 15, so please contact Cara no later than June 10.*

Pam Downing will have the consignment clothes at the Gateway show. They do however need more items! Please look through your clothes and bring items you would like to sell. The consignment clothing sale is a great way for you to make some money and this is also a great way for MQHYA to make money for our scholarship program! Remember that if you are in the scholarship program you need to volunteer to help with the consignment clothes. This is a perfect place to help out for a few hours each day!

Don't forget about the [Youth Excellence Senior \(Y.E.S.\)](#), coming up July 11-13 in Amarillo, Texas. Last year was my first time attending and I really enjoyed it. You get to meet horse kids from all over the nation and other countries also! I'd like to encourage all of you to attend, I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Again, if you're at all interested, please let Cara know. *The registration deadline is June 1.*

I am attaching a current list of 2017 Letters of Intent. Please look it over to make sure it is correct. Also, if you happen to qualify nationally, please let us know so we can put a NQ by your name. It really helps us to know as it opens up another spot for someone else. If you are listed in a class that you no longer plan on showing in at the youth world, please let us know that too. Entries are due to AQHA by June 30 this year. As I mentioned in my April newsletter, all 2017 Letters of Intent submitted after May 1 will be charged a \$100 late fee. **If you are planning to attend this year's World Show and have not submitted your Letter of Intent to Cara, you need to get ahold of her asap!** It's also important to note the upcoming Gateway show is the first show of the 2018 qualifying season. You must have your 2018 Letter of Intent submitted in order for your points at that show to count. Letter of Intent forms can be found on the MQHA website under the Youth page.

Lastly, I am including a note from our Reporter, Hannah Inchiostro. After the April newsletter, only a few of you submitted a biography and pictures to her. Hannah is working very hard on our scrapbook for the Youth World Show and needs your help! ***Please take a few minutes to fill out [this form \(by clicking here\)](#) that Hannah has created to make this easier for you.***

I'd love to use this newsletter as a way to brag on those of you doing great things (even if they aren't horse-related). If you have an accomplishment that you wouldn't mind to share, let me know!

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