

Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

October 2017 News

Hey Horse People!

It's the 1st of October and still 80 degrees outside. I'm starting to get sick of mowing the grass! September saw a lot of fun for MQHYA. I saw most of you at the American Royal show. Congratulations to everyone! The Royal Feast is always a blast!

We are leaving for Congress in just a few days. My sister and I are showing in reining, so I will not be able to see many of you in Columbus - but I would like to wish everyone the best of luck. If you've never been out to The All-American Quarter Horse Congress, you should make plans to attend. The horse show itself is outstanding, there are all kinds of educational lectures and demonstrations to attend and it will take days to just make a visit to all the vendor booths. We have been going as long as I can remember and wouldn't dream of missing it! One unique event at the congress is the National Youth Activities Team Tournament (NYATT). Each Affiliate can send a team to compete. The classes offered are showmanship, horsemanship, hunt seat equitation, hunter under saddle, reining, and barrel racing. The winning team and individuals win great prizes and bragging rights of being a "Congress Champion"! This year's Missouri Team includes:

- Jessica Angle - showmanship & western pleasure
- Evie Doles - showmanship & hunt seat equitation
- Lauren Thoma - horsemanship & hunt seat equitation
- Paige Wellendorf - horsemanship

If you are an FFA member in Missouri, then you may be hearing about the Missouri Quarter Horse Association Fall speech contest. Each Chapter can send 2 students to area and from there 2 will go to Districts. The district winners will go to the Convention in January to speak for the state title. For 4-H, MQHA will be hosting the State Horse Judging contest on Saturday February 24 at the NEC...and all youth are invited to attend a judging clinic the Friday before!

Speaking of the Convention, start making plans to attend this year. A few changes have been made and we it will be hosted in Columbia, January 20, 2018.

I hope all of you are enjoying your horses and summer weather. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Justin Eddy
MQHYA President

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