

NRHyA

National Reining Horse Youth Association



The NRHyA President's Message

President Ashley Fuchs

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Hi!

The summer certainly hasn't slowed down since the NRHA Derby! The youth have been very busy with the NRHyA this summer. The officers started out the summer months by heading to Amarillo, Texas, for the AQHYA Youth Excellence Seminar. It was a wonderful trip and everyone had a great time. It was a perfect place to meet new youth and talk about Reining. The AQHYA provided wonderful informational speakers as well as a banquet and a dance. Everyone attending thought it was a weekend spent well.

The next big event of the summer was a membership drive at the Northeast Classic in Northampton, Massachusetts. I was fortunate enough to travel to the show for the weekend. I met and got to know a ton of new youth. With the help of Anne-Marie and Meaghan Burns, and the whole Northeast Classic show staff, we were able to pull off a great event. There were almost 50 exhibitors in the Youth classes at the show! After the classes, we had a Youth meeting and scavenger hunt. Each team had to make a horse. We provided them with construction paper, markers and tape, but some of the teams thought outside the box. One team had a horse made of potatoes. Yes, potatoes; complete with a french-fry tail. It was a ton of fun for everyone involved, and we plan to do activities like this more at future events.

This summer, we also received some wonderful news. The NRHA recently hired a new Supervisor of Youth Programs. Mandy Kennedy will be stepping up to the plate in supervising the Youth Program! We are all very excited to welcome Mandy into the NRHA and NRHyA.

Now that the summer is coming to a close, we are planning for the North American Affiliate Regional Finals and the NRHA Futurity. Remember, if you are interested in running for an officer position, you must be elected as a delegate at your Regional Affiliate Finals. The Regional Finals are also a wonderful place to help fund your education. Each Finals will have a Youth Team Tournament with scholarships up for grabs. And of course, the Youth Raffle winner's name will be drawn at the NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship Show. I wish everyone the best of luck in showing and campaigning!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Fuchs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

NRHyA President
Ashley Fuchs

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