

2012 TOP TEN

YOUTH 13 & UNDER

RIDER	HORSE/OWNER	POINTS
1. Shea Schmidt	Topsail Footwork Shea Schmidt/Troup, TX	14.0
2.T. Sidney Perdue	Yes Ima Gunner Kimberly Perdue/Granbury, TX	12.5
2.T. Darby Gardner	Custom Harmony Darby Gardner/ New Braunfels, TX	12.5
4. Shelby Reine	Intrinsic Ability Shelby Reine/La Place, LA	12.0
5.T. Nick Taylor	Outlaw Whiz Camiel Taylor/Martin, TN	11.5
5.T. Cody Cannon	Chex Out That Pine Cody Cannon/Henrietta, TX	11.5
7.T. Julia Spreng	Smart Little Dudley Julia Spreng/New Smyrna Beach, FL	11.0
7.T. Shelby Reine	Topsail Oak Shelby Reine/La Place, LA	11.0
9. Savannah Ostner	Sparkin Hot Skidmark Savannah Ostner/Crossett, AR	9.5
10. Adam Mathura	Nuff Gun Suzanne Allman-Mathura/ Rockwell, TX	8.5

YOUTH 14-18

RIDER	HORSE/OWNER	POINTS
1. Brianna Leavy	Daniel Down Under Brianna Leavy/Davie, FL	26.5
2. Claudia Spreng	Inscootable Flying 4 Ranch/ New Smyrna Beach, FL	23.5
3. Brooke Kaiser	WR Kentucky Chic Brooke Kaiser/Richmond, TX	22.0
4. Morgan Sykes	Gun Starlights Magic Morgan Sykes/Tallahassee, FL	21.0
5. Jordan Donnelly	Smokems Whiz Kimberly Ferguson/Aubrey, TX	20.0
6. Kailen Kendall	Mama Had A Cow Kailen Kendall/Underwood, IN	16.5
7.T. Whitney Conrad	Lil Hollywood Gun Whitney Conrad/ Weatherford, TX	16.0
7.T. Carley Montemuro	Rowdys Sixshooter Carley Montemuro/ Lake Harmony, PA	16.00
7.T. Jordan Donnelly	Cee Another Wimpy Jordan Donnelly/Aubrey, TX	16.00
10. Tiffany Wynn	I Gotta Whiz Teresa Wynn/Benton, KY	15.50

## Youth Leaders: High Five

Meet a few of your 2012 North American Regional Youth Delegates

**G**ET TO KNOW YOUR NRHYA REGIONAL DELEGATES BY LEARNING their five favorite things. You might discover you have something in common—other than Reining, of course. To learn more about your delegates or how to become one yourself, visit nrhya.com. Watch future *Focus on Youth* pages for more delegates.

### EASTERN CANADA REGION

#### Myriam Jolin St. Laurent

15-year-old from Quebec, Canada

1. Pink
2. Horse
3. Soccer
4. Skiing
5. Shoes



Myriam Jolin  
St. Laurent

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Rosalie Lagacé

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#### Rosalie Lagacé

13-year-old from Quebec, Canada

1. Poutine
2. Blue
3. Pink
4. Secretariat
5. Green



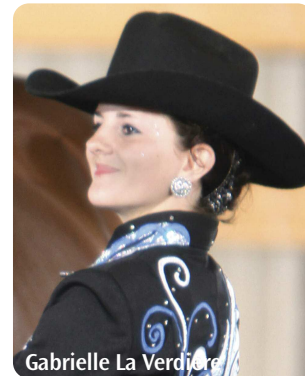
Annie Kim Decroix

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#### Annie Kim Decroix

18-year-old from Quebec, Canada

1. Horse
2. Pink
3. Shoes
4. Ski
5. Pictures



Gabrielle LaVerdière

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#### Gabrielle LaVerdière

12-year-old from Quebec, Canada

1. Pink
2. Appel
3. Orange
4. Blue
5. Red

# 35th Annual AYHC Symposium in Herndon, Virginia

**C**HERRY BLOSSOMS AND SPRING WEATHER GREETED nearly 250 youth horse leaders as they arrived in Herndon, Virginia for the 35th Anniversary AYHC Symposium, held March 23 through March 25, 2012. Volunteers, teens, industry professionals and other youth horse enthusiasts gathered to participate in roundtable discussions, attend lectures and arena sessions, network and honor leaders in the youth horse industry.

Whether they were youth, adult leader, or professional track, participants registered their enthusiastic comments on *Facebook*. As youth participant Chelsea Jones said, "I had to leave early but I still learned a lot AND it was fun! Love meeting horse people." Sabrina Ginn, adult leader and a frequent Symposium participant, wrote, "Thank you for offering such a great Symposium every year!" Christy Landwehr, CEO of the Certified Horsemanship Association, complimented the Symposium organizers, then noted the event's networking value: "Great job, everyone, and so good to see you all!"

The weekend started Friday with a pair of fabulous pre-conference tours. The Leesburg tour visited Morven Park, which put on a spectacular show with hounds, carriages, Olympic athletes, and a trek over the cross country course. This was followed up with a tour of the Equine Medical Center. The Middleburg tour visited the Virginia Tech Mare Center with sessions on composting horse manure and obesity and exercise research on pregnant mares; this group's next stop was to the National Sporting Library and Museum, followed by freestyle shopping in the equine Mecca of downtown Middleburg.

The evening was packed with teen activities and roundtables. The inaugural edition of Horse Smarts Roundup, an equine knowledge contest, presented prizes through 10th place. Saturday started early with a continental breakfast and the AYHC Morning News presentation by Weber Stibolt (MD 4-H), and Blair Willette (NRHyA), with commer-

cial by Beth Powers (YMCA Camp Willson) and Marla Lowder (Alaska 4-H). The crowd and news crew laughed their way through the hilarious presentation and then headed off to more serious fare to seminars on a wide variety of topics from Goal Setting to Equine Nutrition, from Drill Team 101 to Marketing the Horse Industry. That afternoon the trip to Frying Pan Farm Park revealed a wonderful community resource and offered live demonstrations—Virginia's famed Chincoteague Ponies and Native American Riding—and was capped off with an opportunity to Ride-A-Cutter with Jim McDonough. That session was so popular with the audience that a live auction was held to raise funds for the AYHC by auctioning off two test rides for adults.

Event highlights included two exceptional keynote addresses. Saturday evening, Dr. James Wand educated the guests—and entertained them, too—on the "Positive Effects of Hypnosis." Sunday morning brought a more serious, but equally educa-

tional note with Dr. Tom Lenz presenting "Horse Welfare Wars: When Emotion and Facts Collide."

The American Youth Horse Council extends a sincere thank you to all those who helped make the event a great success, especially our hosts—the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension! As AYHC President Ward Stutz commented, "The 2012 AYHC Symposium was a pleasure to be a part of. The pre-conference tour and educational sessions were fabulous and our hosts in Virginia made the event run so smoothly it was amazing. They are to be commended for their excellent work!"

Make plans to join us for the 36th Annual AYHC Symposium, April 12–15, 2013 in Connecticut at the Windsor/Hartford Marriot Airport Hotel. You'll meet repeat participants like young Morgan Quimby, who noted on *Facebook*, "Had such a great time at the Symposium! Already excited for another great one next year!" Watch the AYHC Website, [www.AYHC.com](http://www.AYHC.com), for information. ♦



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