

# Operation Success

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Another fun aspect of the conference is meeting new people. Every trip that the NRHyA officers take as a team allows us to meet new people, and the YES Conference gave us the opportunity to meet youth who are as passionate about horses as we are. We were given the opportunity to network in the breakout sessions, at the dance, and also during the fun game day where we participated in playing mini golf, laser tag, and bowling.

To wrap up our experience we also were able to attend the Youth World Cup held in College Station, Texas, which was exhilarating! The Youth World Cup is an international event held every two years in a different country and we were fortunate enough to have it just a short drive away from the conference. During the competition, each attending country has the opportunity to ride for gold medals in several disciplines, including Reining. The NRHyA officers were blown away by the amount of talented riders we met and we were especially impressed because they showed horses they didn't own.

Needless to say, we walked away from the Youth World Cup and YES with more knowledge and connections with other disciplines, leadership skills, and we became closer as a team.

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