

Making Plans

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WOW, WE'RE FIVE MONTHS INTO THE YEAR ALREADY. DO YOU KNOW WHAT this means? Next month is the Derby! As usual, the NRHyA officers have some exciting activities in store for our youth there, and there are two fantastic opportunities that I'd like to remind you of.

Are you team iPhone? Galaxy? Android? If you're team-any-smartphone, you probably have an awesome camera in your pocket at all times. And I bet you take some pretty neat shots of your horse too. The Art & Photo Contest is the perfect opportunity to show off your artistic ability and maybe win some super cool prizes. There are categories for 13 & under and 14-18, and categories for graphic art, paintings or sketches, and photos. Showcase your creativity, we love to see what our youth can do.

Personally, I think the Speech Contest is an amazing opportunity and also very fun! I know what you're probably thinking—I have to write a speech, memorize it, and present it in front of people. That's not fun and maybe a little scary. However, public speaking is a valuable life skill that you'll be glad NRHyA was able to help you with as a youth member. In addition, our categories are simple and interesting! If you just want to get your toes wet and try this whole thing out, reciting *A. General* will be just right. Maybe you'll want to speak a little longer, but have the help of visual aids. The community service presentation would be perfect. And finally, for those who are ready to speak passionately about equestrian or leadership, the general public speaking category is for you. The best part is, once you've successfully completed your speech and those nerves are gone, you could win awesome prizes, such as Anderson Bean boots and a scholarship. Sounds like it's worth it to step outside of your comfort zone. Don't forget, you'll have plenty of support from your fellow reiners. I especially like to cheer everyone on!

Delegates: there is a possibility that we will be having a conference call with everyone to discuss happenings at the 2015 NRHA Derby. Keep your eyes open for any information coming from your officer so you don't miss out on this important event.

We have exciting news for the Varsity Reining Club (VRC) too! A new prize has just been added and it is definitely one to check out. With plenty of points and a book of raffle tickets sold, you may be eligible to attend the AQHA YES Convention with the officer team in Amarillo, Texas. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your leadership skills and networking before even becoming an officer.

Watch for deadlines for the Art & Photo and Speech Contests online at the NRHyA webpage nrhya.com. We can't wait to see your artwork and listen to your speeches. Good luck to all at the first shows of the season!

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