

National Youth Board



UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS

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Welcome to the Youth Board Newsletter!

This is the first issue of the new Youth Board newsletter! This newsletter will come out every month with tips for creating your own regional, center or club youth board, a spotlight on one region, center or club, and other special features.

Know the Lingo

RYB: Regional Youth Board

NYB: National Youth Board

NYC: National Youth
Congress

**Questions? Comments?
Concerns?**

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Spotlight on...



The Great Lakes Region

Where: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio

Board Structure: President, Vice
President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Activities: lower level prep, scholarships,
“parent rally”, Horse Expo, festival cookout

Fun Facts: The GLR Youth Board donates
25% of its current funds to the upper level
prep program every year



Inside Scoop: Alex McKinley



Alex is a 15 year old H-B Pony Club member from the Orchard Hill Pony Club in the Great Lakes Region. Alex has participated in RYB activities first as rider and now as a board member and organizer.

“The best part of the prep is probably getting the teaching experience. When I rode in it, it was good to get information on all of the topics on the test sheets. Also it was nice to learn from the older Pony Club members because they could share their own experiences from testings! I like being on the board because it gives me more responsibility and leadership skills. Plus it’s really fun! I think that all regions should have a youth board because it gets the Pony Club members more involved in the region.”

GLR Youth Board Prep

The Great Lakes Region’s Youth Board puts on a very successful prep every year. Here are the details on the FUN and productive idea.

What is it? The prep is open to Untested-C-1 Pony Club members. Participants haul in Friday night and have two rides and numerous unmounted sessions on Saturday.

Who puts it on? The Youth Board organizes and teaches! Entries get sent to the secretary and the schedule is made by the chair. C-2 and up members teach unmounted topics while C-3 and up members teach mounted topics.

How big is the prep? The prep holds up to 32 mounted participants and is usually filled to capacity.

What do participants learn? Participants have one flat ride and one jumping ride. Additionally, the unmounted sessions are designed to go through every block on the test sheet of their next certification. The teachers get to learn too! The Youth Board brings in trainers and teachers to evaluate mounted and unmounted teaching.

Why have a prep? This is a great idea to educate both upper and lower level members! Additionally, the prep serves as a great fundraiser for the GLR Youth Board.

Tips For Organizing a Successful Prep:

- Hauling in the night before creates a less stressful morning
- Leave plenty of tacking up/untacking time in the schedule
 - Always have a jump crew!
- Provide folders and pencils! This is cheap and insures that handouts aren’t lost.
- Helpers in the barn are necessary to make the day go smoothly

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