

USPC National Youth Board 2020



Establishing and Maintaining Youth Boards

Purpose of a Regional Youth Board

- Encourages upper level members to remain involved in the region
- Members build skills in
 - Leadership
 - Communication / Planning
 - Teamwork
 - Organization / Delegation
 - Problem Solving
- Camaraderie in region/club
- Offers youth members a voice



Establishing a Youth Board



Establishing a successful RYB can be challenging as many struggle to maintain involvement, but here are some steps to prevent roadblocks

- Establish an annual event/goal
 - Without a purpose or key event it is easy for youth boards to fall apart
- Have a dedicated adult advisor
 - Keep youth board on track in completing goals
 - Communicate with adult regional/club leadership
- Establish consistent communication
 - communication is the key to accomplishing goals and building momentum for a lasting successful youth board



Photo Source: Kristin Short

Recruiting Members

- Understand time commitments
- Application/Selection Process
 - Club representatives on region YB
 - Open to all members in club YB
- A few things to consider:
 - How long will members serve?
 - How many from each club?
 - How will members be selected?



Creating Leaders

- **Communication**

- Email – Learning to check an email regularly
- Group Texts, Social Media – Great ways to give reminders
- Conference Calls - Long distance communication

- **Accountability**

- Hold members accountable for their responsibilities.
- Set member requirements – x number of unexcused meetings before you are no longer on the board.

- **Leadership**

- Running effective meetings
- Organizing and accomplishing tasks as a team

Photo Source: Josh Phillip



Building a Solid Foundation



- **Create a Structure document** (available on USPC Youth Board page)
 - mission statement
 - positions and description of responsibility
- **Elect a board of leaders**
 - Chair or President
 - Vice Chair or President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Adult Supervisor



Accountability



- Youth Boards are run by the Youth who take accountability of their members and responsibility of their projects
- As a member of a youth board they should learn to take responsibility for their actions.
 - If given a task, can they complete it?
 - Do they call into meetings when they are supposed to?
 - Do they answer communications in a timely manner?
- Advisors set an example for the older members, older members inspire younger members.
- Give RYB members every opportunity to grow within Pony Club.

What Can the Board Do?

- Fundraisers
- Clinics
- Camps
- Retreats
- Scholarships
- Rallies
- Leadership workshops
- HM instruction
- Rally and Upper Level Awards



Fundraising



South Region	Lake Shore Region	Central New England Region
<p>Used Tack Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At every rally• All donated items• Money used to organize annual clinic and retreat	<p>Silent Auction Baskets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each club required to donate at least one basket• “Themes”• During Quiz Rally• Funds scholarships	<p>Food Stand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows & Rallies• Donated Food<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurants or home-made• Can run year-round• Money used to organize clinics, preps, & scholarships

Camps

Spotlight: Lake Shore Region

- D-Jamboree
 - 100% Youth Board organized
 - Up to 16 campers
 - Mounted and unmounted
 - Games & Crafts
 - Uses VI program
 - Counselor opportunities



Photo Source: Barb Carrick

Rally Organizing

Spotlight: Great Lakes Region

- Put on an eventing rally for their region
- Members learned all that goes into organizing an event
- This year they also...
 - Held a mock quiz rally
 - Provided scholarships for members of their region
 - Donations to upper level prep program



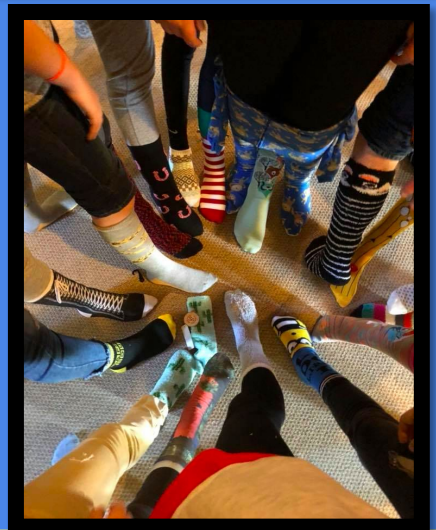
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Retreats



Spotlight: Lake Shore Region

- Non-horse focus
- Social event
- Any member 13+
- Rent cabin on a lake
- Games, hiking, etc.
- Sometimes prep involved



Retreats



Spotlight: Big Sky Region

- Social event & prep combined
- Any member 8th grade +
- Prep incorporated into games!
- Swimming, movies, local activities, etc.



Photo Source: Youth Board Newsletter, Issue 3

Certification Preps

Spotlight: Great Lakes Region

- UR - C1 members
- RYB organizes & teaches!
- C2+ teach unmounted, C3+ teach mounted
- Size depends on facility
- Educational experience for both students & instructors!



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If your region has a RYB that is not on this list, let us know!

Questions?



Contact the National Youth Board - nybchair@ponyclub.org - with questions or if you are looking for help starting your own Youth Board

You can find more information and materials regarding Regional Youth on the Pony Club Website!

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