

USPC Youth Boards

Issue #3

Welcome to the
Youth Board
Newsletter!

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

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YB: Youth Board

NYB: National Youth Board

NYC: National Youth Congress

BSR: Big Sky Region

Upper Level: above C-2

Lower Level: D-1 – C-2

Spotlight on...



The Big Sky Region

Where: Montana, Central Idaho and
Northern Wyoming

Board Structure: President (or Co-
Presidents), Vice President, Secretary, and
Treasurer

Activities: Senior Retreat, D Camps,
Regional Fundraisers



BSR Members dissect horse legs at Senior Retreat 2013.

Inside Scoop:

Becca

Skoric



Becca is a C-2 HM/C-1 TRAD from Wyoming, she is attending the University of Montana as a freshman this fall and is currently training her horse, Tino. Becca has served as the BSR Youth Board Secretary for the past several years.

“As a rider in a very large and spread out region, I find junior board and senior retreat to be a great way to reconnect with other young riders. I always look forward to the familiarity of old friends, and enjoy seeing new faces as our region continues to grow. It also provides an excellent opportunity for members to have knowledgeable discussions about current issues and events in the equestrian world, which allows for a consistent understanding and appreciation of current research, projects, and great riders.”

The BSR Senior Retreat

What is it?

Senior Retreat is a combination prep and fun get together during the winter months.

Who can attend?

Any BSR member in 8th grade and above, regardless of certification level, is welcome to attend.

What activities are involved?

During the day we have prep activities from learning teeth with Reese's Peanut Butter Cups to playing nutrition bingo. In the evening we have fun activities like swimming, watching movies, rock climbing or attending local events.

Who instructs?

A National Examiner is brought in to do the main bulk of the instructing. In 2014, we asked each participant to prepare a lesson plan on an assigned topic and present it to their peers. This helped each participant improve their teaching skills and learn more about a wide range of subjects!

Cost?

Depending on National Examiner expenses, we generally keep it between \$150.00 and \$200.00 per participant. This covers all instruction, lodging, food and activity costs.

Other Ideas

If your region has too many members 8th grade and above, consider making the retreat just for C and above members. The BSR Senior Retreat used to be called “C Retreat” and was intended for all C-1 and above members to get together and do the same activities as Senior Retreat includes now. Either way, it serves as a team building, learning and fun experience!