

# Pony Club

Where it all begins

## REGIONAL YOUTH BOARD NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to the Youth Board Newsletter!

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

### Get with the lingo

YB: Youth Board

NYB: National Youth Board

NYC: National Youth Congress

Upper Level: above C-2

Lower Level: D-1 – C-2

NYUC: New York/Upper CT

### Spotlight on...

### *New York/Upper Connecticut*



**Where:** Eastern New York and Connecticut

**Board Structure:** Chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer

**Activities:** Unmounted fun and informational clinics

## Inside Scoop



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### Cooper Madden-Hennessey

Cooper is a 20 year old H-B Pony Club member from the Oakendale Farm Riding Center in the New York/Upper CT region.

*“As chair of the youth board in my region, I try to take in as many suggestions as possible. I found that holding these “101 Clinic” series helps tune in new members. I like teaching these clinics because I get to interact with many of the new members in our region. For many, these clinics are an introduction to the Pony Club culture. It is important to me to pass on the Pony Club experience to the next generation of members.”*

## “101 Clinic” Series

**What is it?** A series of informational unmounted clinics on a variety of topics that reflect the region’s interests or weak points.

**Who can attend?** Any member of Pony Club can attend these clinics. We have even started opening them up to non-members to spark interest in Pony Club.

**Who teaches?** The members of the board teach the 101 clinic series with the help of additional instructors when needed.

**Cost?** The clinics are free to current members and their parents. This is made possible because of generous donations and resources made available by Pony Club affiliated facilities.

**Why hold unmounted clinics?** Unmounted clinics are a great way to introduce new families and members to the Pony Club culture. Holding the clinics at appropriate times throughout the year helps clear up questions and encourages members to participate in upcoming events.

### **Tips for hosting an unmounted clinic:**

- Get the word out sooner than later. Advertise the event early and encourage new members to attend.
- Delegate the duties and tasks to other board members. Communication is key even with simple events such as an unmounted clinic.
- Location, location, location. Chose a facility that is accessible to all members.