

Pony Club

Where it all begins



REGIONAL YOUTH BOARD NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Youth Board Newsletter!

This is the fifth 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.

Get with the lingo

YB: Youth Board

NYB: National Youth Board

NYC: National Youth Congress

Upper Level: above C-2

Older member: 13 and above with a D3 certification and above

Lower Level: D-1 – C-2

RMR: Rocky Mountain Region

Spotlight on...

Rocky Mountain Region



Where: Colorado and Wyoming

Board Structure: Chair, Board members

Activities: Unmounted teaching (Certification preps and Horse Management clinic), and Camps (D & C)

Inside Scoop



Photo Credit: Sheila Lynch

Kelly Lynch

Kelly is an H-B Pony Club member from Centennial Pony Club in the Rocky Mountain Region.

“As a member of the Junior Board, I love the experiences that teaching at the Regional Horse Management Clinic has given me. Our upper level and older members are able to learn how to teach unmounted lessons while the D members learn material for their certification. It a great educational event for both older, upper level members and D members.”

Horse Management Clinic

What is it? A clinic for D members taught by older and upper level members that focuses on horse management skills tested at the D1 – D3 certifications.

Who can attend? Any member of RMR Pony Club and perspective members can attend the Horse Management clinic.

Who teaches? Each older or upper level member teaches a different horse management topic. There are 8 to 10 stations where the D members rotate through.

Cost? The clinics are free to perspective and current members.

Why hold Horse Management clinic? The clinic is a great educational experience for both the older, upper level members and D members. The clinic allows the older and upper level members to gain teaching experience and give back to their region. The D members are taught material they will need to know for their certification by their mentors.

Tips for hosting an unmounted clinic:

- Hold the HM clinic in spring right before summer certifications begin!
- The clinic should be put on annually and close to the same time each year, so members know to keep an eye out for the date!
- Have date and location picked out by the fall Regional Meeting so Board members along with DCs can plan accordingly.
- Delegate duties at the fall Regional Meeting so all board members and DCs know who to contact for questions and registration.
- Get registration and flyer sent out early so parents can plan!