

Regional Youth Board Newsletter

 **Pony Club**
Where it all begins

National Youth Board

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Welcome to the Youth Board Newsletter!

This is the sixth 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

(sometimes a Junior Board)

NYB: National Youth Board

NYC: National Youth Congress

Upper Level: above C-2

Older member: 13 and above with a D-3 certification and above

Lower Level: D-1 to C-2

NCPR: North Central Prairie Region

SPOTLIGHT:



Where: Parts of Iowa and Illinois

Board Structure: Co-Chairs (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, & board members

Regulations for Membership: 14 years old or D3/+; up to 3 members per club.

Activities: Educational events in conjunction with fall & spring annual meetings, provide feedback to the region, support in other regional events such as D camps.



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Inside Scoop

with McKenzie Kielman



McKenzie is an H-B Pony Club member from Silver Bits Pony Club of the North Central Prairie Region.

“As secretary of my Junior Board, I better understand the hard work of our member’s advocates. Working hand-in-hand to better and make more opportunities for the future of the organization is extremely rewarding. The skills we gain along the way are essential and lifelong.”

Competitors Party

Why? We began this event at the 2016 USPC Championships Central in Iowa City. One of the best parts of any rally is to get to know other members better, and it is of double value when those members are of different regions. This was invented as a way to encourage communication.

What happens? Pizza, snacks, and beverages were provided for all competitors free of cost. Activities were done to encourage collaboration, engagement, and several leadership building. These games included: 1) Oreo Game, begin with an oreo on one’s forehead and attempt to move it to their mouth without using hands; 2) Egg Relay, using a spoon, transfer an egg person by person as quickly as possible; 3) Balloon Bang, much like a relay, one must run with a balloon to the side where a person is sitting in a chair, and use them to pop said balloon as quickly as possible; & many more. These can be found easily via the internet or pinterest.

Who can attend? All rally attendees.

Cost? Our event was free to competitors.

Benefits? Pony Club is more than riding a horse; it is community building, leadership training, and creates lifelong friendships. This event gives another forum for interaction and feedback. As an added benefit, rallies are expensive and even a meal is always a welcome support.



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