

Pony Club

Where it all begins

REGIONAL YOUTH BOARD NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Regional Youth Board Newsletter!

This is the seventh issue of the new Youth Board newsletter. This newsletter is published monthly by the National Youth Board 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 D-3 certification and above

Lower Level: D-1 – C-2

Spotlight on...

 **Pony Club** Tri-State Region
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Where: Parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia

Board Structure: Chair, Vice-Chair, Club Representatives appointed by each club.

Activities: Assisting with rallies and helping the regional board plan and implement programs for members.

Inside Scoop



Kelly Tighe

Kelly is a 20 year-old H-HM member from Lost Hounds Pony Club of the Tri-State Region.

“When I was Chair of our RYB, our main priority was to provide our members with beneficial programs and activities to further their involvement within Pony Club. These programs educate and increase our members’ involvement, while allowing our RYB members to contribute to the planning process and implementation of the events.”

Behind the Scenes

The Tri-State Region’s RYB works closely with the regional leadership to give input on a variety of the region’s initiatives.

What are the different projects? This year, Tri-State’s RYB made a new Facebook page to better connect the youth members, parents, and club leaders. RYB members acted as assistant HM judges at Tri-State’s non-qualifying Event Rally; volunteered at Tri-State’s first annual mini trial as jump judges, ring stewards, and was show secretary! In the past, the RYB has run the barn phase at Quiz Rally, hosted workshops at Equine Affaire in Columbus, OH, and created ‘Rules Recap’ pages for members for each of Pony Club’s disciplines.

Why are these projects important? By assisting with regional programming, members gain a greater appreciation for the time and effort that goes into planning every clinic, camp, and rally.

How do the individual RYB members contribute to each project? Each member is assigned a specific task to complete, such as creating promotional materials or organizing a show program, and each member is expected to publicize events to other youth members of their clubs.

How do the RYB members benefit from their involvement? RYB members learn how to meet deadlines, communicate effectively with peers, time management skills, and how to work for the betterment of a group.

Tips for including RYB members in regional projects:

- Set attainable goals and assign members different jobs to work towards that goal.
- Attend the Regional Board Meetings, and have the members sit in on the beginning of the meeting when different officers give their reports. Tri-State’s RYB meets in person twice a year at the Spring and Fall Regional Meetings.
- Have the members help at events where there are other youth members present, to give them something to look forward to in their future.
- Projects that have a visible and tangible result leaves RYB members feeling proud of their accomplishments and excited for future projects!