

## Youth Programs Committee 2016 Region 9 Report

There were 4 conference calls: 8/12/15, 9/14/15, 10/28/15, and 4/11/16

Items of discussion were:

- selection of convention scholarships, volunteer of the year, Ravel grants, selection of YR Graduate program attendees (Kassidy Peacock, Hannah Pierucci, and Ayden Uhler from or formerly from Region 9 were selected)
- pilot dressage clinic for lower level riders in conjunction with the USDF Jr/YR clinic series.

The first year of the **USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program** ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>. 25 applications have been received and three more are expected.

**Youth Dressage Sport Horse Breeder/Handler Seminar** was held September 28-29, 2015, at Devon. In 2016 the seminar "Life on a Breeding Farm" was held at Hilltop Farm July 9-10, 2016.

### Upcoming events and deadlines:

- August 31- Youth Convention Scholarship application due
- August 31- Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations
- September 1- USDF Nomination for USEF Youth Sportsman's Award

Region 9 applied for two **Youth Team Competitions**. Two teams competed at the Green Country Dressage Classic June 18 & 19. ADA is holding a Youth Team Competition in conjunction with their schooling show July 30 & 31.

**Region 9 Youth Schooling Show Challenge** had one application for 2015:

Christina DesRoches with Stormin' Eddie training level. Southern Eventing and Dressage Association.

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