

Youth Programs Committee 2017 Region 9 Report (updated 8/2/17)

There were no conference calls.

The second year of the **USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program**. We currently have 28 applications (9 new and 19 for their 2nd year)

Youth Dressage Sport Horse Breeder/Handler Seminar was just held July 1-2, 2017, at DG Bar Ranch in Hanford, CA. This seminar provided participants with two days at DG Bar Ranch, and covered sessions on mare and stallion management, the handling of foals and young horses, and the training of young horses from their first haltering, to under saddle work as an FEI horse. The seminar also discussed ideal conformation and movement of the dressage sport horse.

USDF does not have any additional youth sport horse events planned for 2017, and the calendar is not yet set for 2018-but that is a work in progress!

Youth Outreach Clinics- (held in conjunction with Jr/YR Clinic Series) Region 4 was canceled- too few applications. Region 7 and Region 8 both have clinics scheduled for October 21-22.

USDF Jr/YR Clinic Series:

Clinic	Date	Facility	Clinician	Rider Deadline	Auditor Deadline
Region 6	March 25-26, 2017	Summervale Farm	George Williams	February 17, 2017	March 10, 2017
Region 2	October 7-8, 2017	Timbach Farm	Jeremy Steinberg	August 25, 2017	September 22, 2017
Region 5	October 7-8, 2017	Stellar Stables	George Williams	August 25, 2017	September 22, 2017
Region 7	October 21-22, 2017	Paddock Riding Club	George Williams	September 8, 2017	October 6, 2017
Region 8	October 21-22, 2017	Carbery Fields Farm	Charlotte Bredahl- Baker	September 8, 2017	October 6, 2017
Region 1	November 18-19, 2017	Hilltop Farm	George Williams	October 6, 2017	November 3, 2017

USDF has started a Quarterly “Youth Corner” eNews. The first one went out in April; we are working on the second one now. It gets sent to all members we can identify as youth members (some of the GMO youth members don't have birthdates listed in our membership system, so we can't pull their information), Regional Youth Coordinators, the GMO Youth Contacts that are identified in our system, etc. We hope this newsletter will help keep our youth members more in touch with our programs and deadlines.

Shining Stars- At this time, we have had four shining stars awarded at Youth Team Competitions nationwide.

USDF Upcoming events and deadlines:

- August 31- Youth Convention Scholarship application due
- August 31- Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations
- September 5- USDF Nomination for USEF Youth Sportsman's Award
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Region 9 had no **Youth Team Competitions** in 2017. ADA did Janet Foy Symposium instead and Green Country decided not to have a youth team as participation was lacking.

Region 9 Youth Schooling Show Challenge had no applications for 2016.

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