



AHYA Board Guide

Welcome to the Arabian Horse Youth Association's Youth Board of Directors!

Congratulations on being appointed to the AHYA Youth Board by your Region. Without a doubt, you are now part of one of the most elite groups of young equine enthusiasts around. Arabian horse youth set themselves apart from other equine breeds and youth leadership programs by displaying enthusiasm, dedication, leadership, and ability.

The first thing that I get asked relates to the board meetings. There are three (3) meetings per calendar year that each Youth Director is required to attend. Additionally, they are required to attend the AHYA Youth Convention held in conjunction with the July Board Meeting and Youth Nationals.

AHYA March Board Meeting, Denver, CO

The March Meeting is held either the first or second weekend in March and is in conjunction with the adult AHA Board of Directors Meeting here in Denver, Colo. I will make hotel and local transportation arrangements for all participants, and I will serve as the chaperone. You or your parent is responsible for purchasing all flight accommodations.

Meetings are held all day Saturday and in the morning Sunday before/as kids are flying home. All Youth Directors are asked to arrive no later than Friday evening and depart no earlier than noon on Sunday. This is our largest/longest meeting of the year. We plan out the entire year's events, fundraising programs, youth activities held at Youth Nationals as well as the Youth Convention.

Since this is a chaperoned trip and many kids have never been to Denver, I offer an additional 'fun day' that is optional to each Youth Director. Participants who wish to participate in a Denver City Tour on Friday before the meetings would need to arrive in Denver no later than Thursday evening. Each year, the Denver City Tour is different and encompasses activities that are often not equine related but unique to Denver and the surrounding cities. Again, this tour is optional.

This is the ONLY meeting where the AHYA Youth Directors can apply money towards their plane tickets from AHA. In order to EARN money towards their flights, the Youth Directors or Regions would have had to donate items to the AHYA Silent Auction held in the previous November at the AHA Annual Convention. Each Youth Director is required to donate a minimum of \$100 (retail value) in item(s) to the silent auction. AHA will match the Youth Director dollar-for-dollar on the items they provided towards their plane ticket to the March Meeting, up to \$350. So... if your region earned \$245 from items they donated at the auction, your child would be reimbursed \$245 for their March Meeting airfare. If your child was a super star and tallied \$1,234 from items donated the most your child would be eligible to receive towards their ticket would be \$350. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Some meals are covered by AHA while your child is meeting in Denver. However, some meals, tour expenses, all hotel accommodations and spending money are not. I try to room kids together to cut down hotel expenses. Typically, I get a room rate of around \$100 or less thru AHA. I place 3-4 kids per room and your rate share would then be \$25-34 per night.

Detailed information is sent out in January and all flight information and RSVP forms are due back to AHA in February.



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AHYA July Board Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK

The July AHYA Board Meeting is held before Youth Nationals starts. Please plan to notify your trainers that this is a required meeting as a Youth Director. We respectfully ask that they try not to schedule any lessons during the meeting or our Youth Convention. Your participation and contributions are valued! Lunch or dinner and snacks are provided by AHA for the meeting.

Due to the Youth & Family Programs Coordinator's schedule and responsibilities associated with Youth Nationals, I am unavailable for assisting with arranging any accommodations, chaperoning and transportation for you for the duration of Youth Nationals. If you need suggestions on hotels, I am happy to help. I often help connect solo kids with other parents attending prior to the meeting and the show.

AHYA/AHA does not cover any of your costs for this meeting for youth that are already attending Youth Nationals as an exhibitor. Please contact your Regional Director, Regional Youth Coordinator or Treasurer about available funds for your child. Many regions have "something" in their budget for your child. If not, now is a good time to start brainstorming for fundraisers! I am happy to help with fundraising ideas – PLANNING AHEAD IS KEY!

AHYA Youth Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

The AHYA Youth Convention is held after the AHYA July Board Meeting. Please plan to notify your trainer(s) that participating as a Youth Delegate and Youth Director is important. We respectfully ask that they try not to schedule any lessons during the meeting or Youth Convention. Your participation and contributions are valued! All applicants running for executive offices (President, Vice President, etc.) are required to attend Convention.

AHYA Fall Meeting

The final meeting of the year is held at either the U.S. National Championship Horse Show in Tulsa, Okla. or in conjunction with the AHA Annual Membership Convention wherever it may be held (2016 will be in Denver, CO). The decision as to where the meeting will be held is made by the current AHYA Board at the July meeting in Oklahoma City, OK.

If held at Convention, I will arrange hotel rooms and serve as a chaperone. If held at U.S. Nationals, chaperone duties and hotel arrangements will be the responsibility of the parents of the AHYA Board members. AHYA/AHA does not cover any of your costs for this meeting. Please contact your Regional Director, Regional Youth Coordinator or Treasurer about available funds for your child.

EVERYTHING ELSE

Aside from meetings, the Youth Board is extremely active in our Association. They pass motions and resolutions that are put forward to the adult AHA Convention and actively work for the betterment of our association and shows.

There are several required fundraisers that we ask the Youth Board to contribute to. The first requirement for the year is to secure a minimum of one (1) \$250 Youth National Qualifier T-shirt Sponsorship. These are due by June 1st. I will provide the youth with past T-Shirt Sponsors and leads but ultimately, it is their responsibility to follow up. A good place to plan for this is at your regional show, or club or regional meetings. The second being the AHYA Silent Auction, where the kids are asked to locate and donate a minimum of \$100 in items for the Auction. Items are due to AHA by November 1st. Finally, we ask that youth help sell the limited edition item (chosen by AHYA), in addition to Raffle Tickets (5).

Lastly, I ask that the Youth Board communicate with me on a regular basis, most importantly that they respond to emails requiring their feedback and opinions.



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