

## **Overview of Awards Programs:**

1) **Horse Show Year End Awards** - This program is separate from the SPHC year end awards programs which offers youth awards for participation at regional APHA shows. The separate Youth Club program will offer year end awards for youth members who show ANY BREED of horse at any horse show. Members may participate in 4-H shows, CSHA Shows, schooling shows, or breed shows. Participants must be able to provide a record of their placings, classes, and number of riders in classes, from show management. Funds to offer these awards will be from fund raising efforts within the Youth Club.

- Each Youth's best 10 shows shall count. One judge =1 show. Shows with multiple judges will count as multiple shows.
- The show season for purposes of this program shall run from April 5, 2014- October 31, 2014
- Categories will be based on participation. Awards will be provided for Champion in each division, and may be placed as far as 5<sup>th</sup> place in each division, if participation warrants, and funds are available. Categories with less than 2 participants will only be issued awards if the participant has attended at least 4 shows.

These are the proposed categories:

- 1) Western Performance- Includes Western Pleasure, Equitation , Horsemanship, and Western Riding.
- 2) English Performance- Includes Hunter Under Saddle, Saddle Seat Pleasure, and Equitation.
- 3) Halter/Showmanship- Includes Halter and Showmanship
- 4) Lead Line
- 5) Jumping- Includes Jumping, Hunter Hack, Equitation over Fences, Working Hunter. 3 Day Eventing will fall under this category.
- 6) Gymkhana – Includes all gymkhana events, barrel racing, goat tying, stake race, pole bending, etc.
- 7) 18 & Under Walk /Trot – includes all western walk/jog, and English walk/trot classes
- 8) 10& Under Walk/Trot – includes 10 & under walk/jog and walk/trot classes.
- 9) Trail

2) **Riding Rewards Program**-This program is designed to offer rewards to youth for riding their horses. It is meant to encourage youth to practice, enjoy, and continue to improve their skills. This program is not a competition against other members, as rewards will be given when milestones are reached.

Rewards for this program will be funded by donations from sponsors and fund raising activities from the Youth Club.

- All riding activities to count. Arena riding, lessons, trail riding, horse shows, etc.
- A maximum of 3 hours per day may be earned.
- Hours can be earned by participating at Youth Club activities.
- Hours can be earned for attending up to 2 Youth Club meetings per year.
- Dates for this program will run from April 4, 2014 through December 31, 2014
- All hours must be documented in a log or journal. The date, number of hours, and the type of riding activity should be included. Youth are encouraged to take notes if they learned something special during this ride, or did something they had not done before. Hours must be signed off by a parent, instructor, 4-H leader, barn manager, etc. with a way to contact that person for verification.

Milestones will be as follows:

- Level 1 – 15 hours
- Level 2 – 35 hours
- Level 3 – 65 hours
- Level 4 – 100 hours
- Level 5 – 150 hours
- Level 6 – 225 hours

\*Additional levels may be added as needed.

Rewards for each level will be discussed at the next meeting. Bring your ideas on what you would like to receive as rewards.

-The college scholarship will be offered as part of this program. Scholarship will be awarded to a senior member with the highest number of participation hours, at least attaining level 3. The participant must be enrolling in a college or vocational school in 2015. If there is not a member qualifying in 2014, the scholarship will be rolled over to be awarded the following year.

Logs of your hours can be turned in at each youth meeting, and awards will be given out at the following meetings.