

January 5, 2014 Region 10 Youth Report

I was privileged to represent the Region 10 youth at this year's AHA convention in Lexington KY. I flew in on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon I attended the APAHA Committee Meeting and the Youth Committee meeting. Additionally, I helped with the youth silent auction throughout the week. I also attended the Region 10 Cacus meeting Thursday night.

On Friday, I went on an all day tour with other AHYA Directors. We started out the day touring Keeneland Racetrack, which is where the filmed parts for Secretariat, Seabiscut, and Dreamer. After that we visited many different farms like Darby Dans (Where part of Secretariat was filmed) and Magdalena Farms. Our tour guide showed us many different Thoroughbred farms, even one that sold for about 40 million dollars! I also toured the Kentucky Horse Park and the Arabian Horse Gallery with other AHYA Board members.

I attended the Third General Session all day Saturday, where the AHYA Board members who attended the meeting received a scholarship from the AHA Foundation. I helped close out the Youth Silent Auction on Saturday Night. On Saturday night I went to the President Banquet with the other AHYA Board. We had a lot of fun spending time with each other at diner and singing on stage!

Sunday morning was the AHYA Board of Directors Meeting. During meeting we recapped on this year's youth activities. We also planned ahead for Activities for Youth Nationals and the Youth Nationals Theme. We also discussed many fundraising activities for the Youth. The next AHYA Board meeting will be in Denver CO. in March.

I came home from AHA Convention with much enthusiasm for our Youth and many different ideas for activities and fundraisers!

The Regional Team Tournament results were finalized and realized to the Youth Directors at Large on December 15th. Region 10 had another strong year in both recognized and non-recognized events with number of participants.

Joan Rose is planning and organizing the Region 10 Youth Judging Contest, which will be on Saturday May 3rd at the Sahara Sands show in St Paul.

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