

Message from your MQHYA Youth Advisor

Welcome to the 2009 MQHYA Show Season. I've been busy working behind the scenes making arrangements for the MQHYA Stampede Horse Show which will be held at the Majestic Valley Arena in Kalispell on July 2nd through July 5th. I hope to see everyone at the Stampede Horse Show. This show is the MQHYA annual fund raiser.

Our Youth are separated by many miles living in Montana and it is next to impossible to have group fund raiser activities such as car washes, bake sales, neighborhood lawn cleaning & mowing, etc to raise money, so past Officers and Youth Advisors created by-laws that the Youth are required to obtain a minimum of \$150 sponsorships every year to defray the cost of Circuit Awards for the Stampede Horse Show. Youth considering attending the World Championship Show would need to obtain a minimum of \$300 for one horse or \$450 in sponsorships if taking two horses.

The economy is experiencing difficult times these days and it is very apparent in fund raising events. In past years individuals who worked behind the scenes asked for major donations totaling \$1500 used for added money for the Showmanship and Pro-Am Trail Sweepstakes pay out. These businesses who have donated in past years have declined to support us this year.

This is Your horse show. I'm asking our Youth to Rally and go the Extra Mile to obtain additional sponsorships by going beyond the \$150 minimum. Many small donations can help reach our goals. Let's show our MQHYA Team Spirit and reach our goals by June 1st.

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