

## ***Welcome to the Montana Quarter Horse Youth Association***

We are excited to have you join **MQHYA**. You can go to [www.mqha.com](http://www.mqha.com) to learn more about many of the opportunities we offer for you and your Quarter Horse(s). Our mission is to

***Promote the use of the American Quarter Horse in Montana in a variety of ways, we provide beneficial services for our members, which enhance and encourage quarter horse ownership and participation.***

To keep you informed as to what is happening with MQHA & MQHYA your membership includes a subscription to THE WRANGLER. Our monthly news and current events are included in their club news section.

For other opportunities such as show, hours on horse back, outside activities, race and other areas that you may be interested in participating in you can go to our website to learn more about them. Please find enclosed a copy of our current youth membership handbook.

Please remember if you are planning on showing at any of the AQHA/MQHA approved shows you need to have a current MQHYA back # and your horses AQHA registration papers need to be recorded in your name or that of an immediate family member. If at anytime you have any questions about any area of MQHA please contact one of the Board of Directors.

Before your points count toward MQHYA year-end awards you need to be a member of MQHYA and obtain a minimum of \$150 worth of sponsorships for the MQHYA Stampede horse show which must be turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year and exhibitor/horse combination must earn a minimum of 10 points in a minimum of 6 shows during the current calendar year. Please find enclosed a copy of MQHA Youth Membership Application and the sponsorship form. Send membership application and sponsorships to Peri Suenram, 4486 Highway 91 North, Dillon, MT 59725 before the first MQHA horse show or June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

Any youth interested in qualifying for the AQHYA World Show July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 you must be a member in good standing of MQHYA for the current year, be a member of AQHYA by May 31<sup>st</sup> of the qualifying year, and obtain a minimum of \$300 in sponsorships for the MQHYA Stampede horse show which must be turned in by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year. Jackson Land & Cattle and Fields Family Foundation a Jackson Hole, Wyoming ranch has made it possible for many qualified youth participants to attend the AQHYA World Championship Show. Enclosed are additional information and the application form to apply for financial assistance to attend the Youth World Show. Application must reach AQHYA by April 1, 2009.

Our annual convention for 2009 will be held December 4-6<sup>th</sup>, in Helena at the Best Western Helena Great Northern Hotel. We will be having meetings for race, youth, amateur, show and our general membership meeting. Saturday evening will be the Annual Awards Dinner with many year-end hi-points and honorary awards to be given. Mark your calendars to come to Helena and reminisce the MQHA year 2009.