

# Region 17 Youth

October Regional Meeting 2015

Nisku Inn, October 3, 2015

## Fundraisers



This year the youth raised just over \$5000. The fundraisers that contributed to this were the Dunk Tank, Silent Auction, T-Shirt sponsorships and the annual Trainer Egg and Spoon class. The youth director and vice director have also raised over \$1200 in raffle ticket sales for AHYA.

## Activities



Along with the fundraisers the kids got to participate in, we also had a number of games and events. There was an afternoon of games in the parking lot for younger kids, tie dye in the wash rack, theme nights and a novelty costume class.



## Meetings



We held two meetings this year, one at Regionals and a BBQ/Meeting prior to regional to discuss volunteering and activities/ fundraisers at the show.

*"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy a horse. And that's pretty close"* R17 Youth Quote Of The Year

## New Ideas...

### Extension off AHA's TAIL program

- Offering a "Shadow Day" experience for kids in Calgary to participate in during the regional show.

### The "Arabian Horse Online Resource"

- Creating a blog sharing articles and videos made my local trainers with training advice, feeding tips, show do's and don'ts etc. This website will benefit those who choose to or cannot afford to keep up year round training.

## Fundraisers

### Dunk Tank

*Rented from BOUNCE IT Calgary*

*Cost: \$300.00*

*Income: \$635.00*

*Remaining Balance: \$335.00*

### Trainer Egg and Spoon

*Katelyn Carter: \$100*

*Darlene Brouwer: \$140*

*Pete Rasmussen: \$60*

*Brenda Driediger: \$180*

*Michelle Hansen: \$60*

*Van Jacobsen: \$120*

*Deb McGuire: \$80*

*Erica Milligan: \$350*

*Amanda Arey: \$200*

*Total Jackpot: \$1290*

*Winner donated back : \$1130*

### T-Shirt Sponsorship

*21 trainers donated \$100 each*

*Cost: \$1290*

### Silent Auction

*35 items were donated by local clubs and businesses.*

*Total raised: \$1634*

*REMINDER! Could all clubs please prepare a donation for the 2016 youth silent auction. Thank you in advance.*

## (New Ideas Continued)

### What is a "Shadow Day"?

This year I would like to do a trial for an Arabian Horse Experience Shadow Program. This program will be offered at regionals in Calgary, and will be available to anyone under the age of 18. Parents interested in the program can contact me, Sydney, directly to sign up for the program. The kids and their parents will be paired with a volunteer leader for the day (must be over 16 years old). The leader will continue showing as per normal, but take the time to allow the "shadow" to see what is going on behind the scenes, take them to watch classes, let them sit at the stalls with the group. I believe this can really promote how welcoming our community is, and engage the public more then just sitting in the stands. If you are interested in participating and helping this program take off please let me know!

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### The Arabian Horse Resource

Using the websites "Tumblr" or "Wordpress" I am able to create a blog where text, picture and video posts can be made. I would like to have a group of trainers contracted for this blog to share some of their training advice for those, like myself, who are always searching online for new ideas for working with my horses. I believe it will give more people the tools to work their way into the show ring, and the confidence to show among those who do work with trainers. It will also show the region that our trainers are in fact very approachable and readily available to give advice. Again, if you are interested in this idea please contact me. I will be doing a test run of this idea in 2016 and will need the support of volunteers and trainers to make it happen.

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