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## End of Summer, Back to School

So, the summer months have come to a close and all of us have returned to school. We all recall that a lot was done this summer—we traveled, rode our horses, met new friends, reconnected with old friends—all of it done for that love of Quarter horses that all us AQHYA members have. Now, back at school, we're all trying to balance horses and showing with schoolwork, homework, and work afterschool! It's tough at times and often we don't think there are enough hours in the day, but this love of Quarter Horses keeps everything in perspective. So, enjoy this newsletter from Region 10. You'll be getting seasonal updates, information on exciting opportunities, upcoming dates, cool articles, tons of pictures, and you'll know what's being talked about your region! It's your voice, your region, so talk about it here.

Best Wishes,

Britt, Danielle, and Jordan

Want something in  
Ten Talk?

*Send it in!*

**Hey everyone! We're your** 2010-2011 Region 10 Directors for AQHYA, we are looking to connect the Youth of Region 10! We want your stories, your thoughts, your pictures, **your VOICE! So, if you've** got an event or show, take some pictures, write up an article. And send it in! **We'd love to hear about it.**

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# The AQHYA Y.E.S. Conference 2010

What went on for the North Carolina Representative, Danielle Plourd

Six NCOHYA members including myself attended the Youth Excellence Seminar and Convention in Amarillo Texas. This was my third time attending YES and once again I had a blast!! We rode through Palo Dura Canyon made every stop an adventure, even if it was just Target for a few supplies along the way. We had way too much fun! Thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent North Carolina and thank you Ms. Gale and Ms. Beth for putting up with us and chaperoning us everywhere, it meant so much, we love you all!!!

While we were in Amarillo, I ran for Region Ten Director. It turns out that Region Ten was the only Region that actually had to have elections! We had five candidates; the participation in our Region was incredible. I am incredibly honored to be one of the three AQHYA Region Ten Directors. I will do everything **in my power to bring anyone's questions** or concerns to the AQHYA board, and represent not only Region Ten but NCOHYA to my fullest ability. Thank you to everyone for their support throughout **this experience; it's already been an** amazing one.

On Sunday morning, all of my NC buddies had to hitch a flight home while I changed hotels and headed off to the canyon, once again. This time, however, it was a little different of a trip. We did high ropes courses to build teamwork and communications. It started with a rock wall, we climbed it while the rest of the group was spotting and pulling the rope to assist you in any way. I had to fully rely on them. Once we reached the top, we had to zip line to a telephone pole. I

was so scared; it probably **wasn't a good time for my fear** of heights to kick in! After the zip line, we made our way **over to the "Flying Squirrel"**. This is where you are hooked to a rope from your back and everyone else is clipped in to the other end of it. You start running the opposite direction of the team and it flings you in the air and you fly. We had a little too much fun with it, but not only did I conquer my fear of heights that day, I knew that I could truly rely on my team through anything.

After the canyon, the pool, and some hotel room fun, it was time for bed and work the next morning. We headed to AQHA head quarters to begin our meetings. After planning we **headed to lunch where "initiation"** began. Mr. Ward Stutz and Ms. Sarah Smiddy ordered up a round of CALF FRIES!!! They really do taste like chicken. After pictures and a little more discussion, it was time to head back to the rooms and pack. We had pizza and movie night and spent the rest of it reminiscing on what had happened, the friends we made, the fun we **had, and how much we didn't want to** leave. I boarded my 5:50 am flight home; eyes half open, with a true sense of accomplishment and knowing that I had formed relationships that nothing will ever take away.





## AQHYA Scholarship Fundraiser Cards!

Want to support the AQHA Youth Association and save money at your favorite stores at the same time?!

Well, this year you're in luck! These nifty little cards are just \$20, but they can save you hundreds, if not thousands of dollars all year long! They are valid until August 31st, 2011. Discounts are applied on regularly priced items in stores like **National Saddlery**, **Showtime Clothing**, **Tener's**, **Show Diva Designs**, **Blue Ribbon Saddlery**, **Quarter Horse Out-fitters**, and many more!

So, see head on over to [AQHA.com](http://AQHA.com) and order one in the online store or speak to one of the AQHYA Officers or Directors to purchase one!

# The AQHA Ford Youth World 2010

“The Arena of Dreams” Experience with Sarah Bentley

## Youth World 2010

July 30 – August 7

By: Sarah Bentley

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, I was not expecting anything ordinary from my upcoming week. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, I was on a flight to Oklahoma City. Because of one of my overly generous friends, I was able to tag along on a flight to the experience of a lifetime.



Everyone from Region 10 did such a great job at the show with so many placings and even some world championships!

One thing that I thought was great was the interaction and contributions of the exhibitors in Region 10's states, such as when girls from Georgia hopped over to show with South Carolina. It was great to see friendships that went across state borders. It made the horse show that much greater!



The Youth World Show is held at the Expo Center in Oklahoma. From the size of the fairgrounds to the 2,402 entries, everything was big. It was such an exciting place to be. Even though I would have loved to have had my horse there, I had such a great time watching the competition and hanging out with all of my friends. I made time to go watch classes, especially the pattern classes like horsemanship and showmanship and it was definitely worth it, those girls and guys are so great at what they do! Its great to be able to tell that everyone has worked so hard up to the show, and its even better when all their hard work pays off. I spent time with many people I didn't know before who live on the opposite side of the country, I even tried my hand at speaking spanish with the guys from Venezuela! The world show is a friendly place where everyone can just hang out with each other.



I was so lucky to have gotten the opportunity to experience the youth world show. The competition was out of this world, and everyone from region 10 represented us so well!



## Results of the Youth World

At this year's Youth World Show, all of Region 10 was represented. Youth exhibitors from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida all traveled from the east coast to Oklahoma City, OK and showed—taking home with them another Youth World experience as well as some wins in the show pen! Here's a few candid in and out of the show pen!





## Upcoming Events

Shows, trail rides, events... We've got it here!

### North and South Carolina

NC State Fair QH days- October 12 & 13 State Fairgrounds Raleigh, NC

**NCQHYA Novice "No Bling" Show**- November 6 Piedmont Saddle Club Colfax, NC

Spooktacular— October 23-26 T. Ed Garrison Arena Clemson, SC

Spooktacular Trail Ride— October 23 & 24 Clemson, SC

### Georgia and Florida

GOHA Boo-Rama All Novice Show - Oct. 30 & 31 Conyers International Horse park, GA



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