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AYA ANNOUNCES 2015 SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

Moscow, Idaho— The Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 AYA Speech Contest. This exciting competition is held annually in conjunction with the Youth World Championship Appaloosa Show. Teams participating in the Team Tournament Challenge are required to enter into this competition, but individual youth participants are welcome and highly encouraged to take part. Participants can compete in one of two divisions: prepared and impromptu.

This year the topic for the 13 & under prepared division was “If you could ride any Appaloosa (alive today or not) which one would it be and why?” The topic for the prepared 14-18 division was “Identify one challenge facing the equine industry and propose a solution to address that challenge.”

For the impromptu division of the contest participants under the age of 13 were asked to describe their ideal day with their Appaloosa. Participants between the ages of 14 and 18 taking part in the impromptu division were asked if they could change one thing about their Appaloosa what would they change and why?

Winners of this year’s competition each received a cash prize. This year’s competition was held on Saturday, June 27th. The AYA is pleased to announce the following winners:

Prepared Speech

13 & Under

- 1st Place- Kelsey Woellmer of Sedona, AZ
- 2nd Place- Macy Hoggett of Garland, TX

14-18

- 1st Place- Dawson Simpson of Jacksonville, FL
- 2nd Place- Ally Brown of Norwalk, OH

Impromptu Speech

13 & Under

- 1st Place- Kelsey Woellmer of Sedona, AZ

14-18

- 1st Place- Kendall Woellmer of Sedona, AZ
- 2nd Place- Adeline Shotts of Martinsville, IL

The AYA Speech Contest was created to help encourage youth to develop their public speaking skills as well as to persuade youth to be aware of important topics that affect not only the Appaloosa breed, but the equine and agricultural industry as a whole. For more information on the AYA, this contest or the many other activities the AYA offers to youth visit www.appaloosayouth.com.

The Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA) is the youth affiliate of the Appaloosa Horse Club. Officially approved in 1981, the AYA was the first youth program developed to complement an equine breed association.

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