



# APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB EST. 1938

*The International Breed Registry for Appaloosa Horses*

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## **2016 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP APPALOOSA YOUTH SHOW FEATURED FUN, EXCITEMENT AND LASTING MEMORIES**

**FORT WORTH, Texas**— Exhibitors, owners, trainers, equine enthusiasts and hundreds of the world's most colorful Appaloosas came together June 27- July 9th in Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Memorial Center for the 2016 World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show! The World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show was held in conjunction with the 69<sup>th</sup> National Championship Appaloosa Show and hosted by the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) and the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA's) Youth World Championship Show.

The annual event showcased talented Appaloosas and youth from around the globe, all of whom competed for amazing prizes and prestigious titles in over 70 classes! In addition to awards, youth in select classes were eligible to win scholarships through the Appaloosa Foundation. The show featured a variety of disciplines including Cattle, Western, English, Jumping, Games, and Halter!

Youth at this year's event participated events hosted by the Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA). The fun began on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with the AYA Speech Contest. This year the topic for the 13 & under prepared division was "What makes your Appaloosa unique?" The topic for the prepared 14-18 division was "How does your involvement in the Appaloosa Youth Association help make you an ambassador for the Appaloosa breed?" For the impromptu division of the contest participants were asked to describe how they would convince someone looking to buy a new horse to purchase an Appaloosa. Winners of this year's competition each received a cash prize. Join us in congratulating this year's speech contest winners:

### **Prepared Speech 13 & Under**

- 1st Place- Macy Hoggett, Garland, TX
- 2nd Place- Ashley Bullock, Denton, MD

### **Prepared Speech 14-18**

- 1st Place- Ruth Liebendorfer, Renton, WA
- 2nd Place- Julia Kutsch, Jacksonville, FL

### **Impromptu Speech 14-18**

- 1st Place- Teresa Job, Senora, CA
- 2nd Place- Ally Brown, Norwalk, OH

The speech contest was followed by the AYA Board of Directors Meeting, the Youth General Membership Meeting which featured games and prizes sponsored by Leslie Goolsby and Anchor Graphics and finally the 2015 Youth Awards Banquet which honored AYA members for their outstanding achievements in 2015.

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Throughout the week youth Teams from across the nation took part in the annual Team Tournament Competition. The Team Tournament Competition features teams composed of youth members from the same territory. Teams earn points throughout the show through their participation in classes, competitions, and the team tournament parade. Please join us in congratulating the 2016 AYA Team Tournament winners:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place & Team Spirit Winner- *There's an App for That- Territory VI- 111 Points***

Team Members: Peighton Scott, Cadence Scheer, Grace Ackerson

Michelle Connolly, Savannah Carter, Ally Brown, Samantha Johnson, and Olivia Johnson

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place- *Pacific Pride- Territory I- 105 Points***

Team Members: Casey Marie Temple, Jacqueline Frimodt, Siena Kitch, Ruth Liebendorfer, Madeline Elizabeth

Gregory, Lauren Benninger, Madison Schatzman and Ally Jean Burgess

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place- *Buns N Guns- Territory VI- 59 Points***

Team Members: Chase Wilkerson, Allie Davis, Taylor Bennett, Chloe Meirs, Samantha Elliott and Faith Ann Hudson

On Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> the ApHC joined forces with the American Paint Horse Association and Chisholm Challenge to host the inaugural Stars & Stripes Summer Spectacular which boasted a full day of classes for Equestrians with Disabilities and proved to be a remarkable success with over 100 entries. Egg tosses sponsored by Dennard's Western Wear were held twice at this year's show with all funds raised donated to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The last day of the youth show featured the prestigious Champion of Champions Competition sponsored by Deerfield Farm LLC. The Champion of Champions Competition features winners from the following classes: bareback horsemanship (13 & Under and 14-18), western horsemanship (12 & under, 13-15 and 16-18), hunt seat equitation (12 & under, 13-15 and 16-18) and saddle seat equitation (18 & Under). Participants in this challenge have a maximum of three minutes to complete their self-designed pattern/routine to music of their choosing. They must compete in the same attire and equipment used in the class they won. This year's Champion of Champions winner was Lauren Beninger of Seattle, WA riding Hot Krymsun Angel.

A "Top Dog" youth party featuring lunch and a variety of beverage options was also held on the last day of this year's youth show. This year's Youth Party was sponsored by Beck Farms and Mike and Martha Howard. Some of the most coveted youth honors in the Appaloosa industry were awarded at this year's event. Please join us in congratulating the following youth high-point award earners at this year's show:

**High-Point Youth, 12 & Under:** MAGGIE LEIGH HARRELL of Randleman, NC

*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: Santa Cruz Biotechnologies*

**Reserve High-Point Youth, 12 & Under:** PEIGHTON N. SCOTT of Ludington, MI

**High-Point Youth, 13-15:** JACQUELINE FRIMODT of Redmond, WA

*Elite Custom Saddle Sponsored by: the New England Regional Clubs*

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**Reserve High-Point Youth, 13-15:** SAMANTHA JOHNSON of Norwell, MA

**High-Point Youth, 16-18:** LAUREN BENINGER of Seattle, WA  
*Elite Custom Saddle Sponsored by Sue Scobee & Wilburn Archer*

**Reserve High-Point Youth, 16-18:** GRACE ACKERSON of Blairstown, NJ

**ApHC All-Around Youth:** JACQUELINE FRIMODT of Redmond, WA  
*Award Trailer sponsored by Twin Cities South Trailer Sales LLC, Sundowner and Gary & Tammy Raak.  
Elite Custom Saddle Sponsored by Kyra & Heath Hoggett & 11 InBetween LLC Equine Fitness & Therapy  
Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: Sue & Al Anderson*

**Overall High-Point Youth:** JACQUELINE FRIMODT of Redmond, WA  
*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: Bluebonnet Feeds*

**High-Point Youth Walk/ Trot Exhibitor:** CADENCE SCHEER of Norwell, MA  
*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: Keystone APHC*

**Reserve High-Point Youth Walk/ Trot Exhibitor:** MADISON R. SCHATZMAN of Redmond, WA  
*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: Sue & Al Anderson*

**High-Point Youth 18 & Under Equitation Rider:** PEIGHTON SCOTT of Ludington, MI  
*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: Capstone Farm*

**High-Point Novice Youth, 18 & Under:** HANNAH BYRNE of Seattle, WA  
*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by: France Appaloosas & ApHC Stallion Tell Me Im Hot*

**Reserve High-Point Novice Youth, 18 & Under:** SIENA KITCH of Newcastle, WA

**Overall High-Point Youth Games Exhibitor:** SAMANTHA JOHNSON of Norwell, MA

**Overall High-Point Youth Cattle Exhibitor:** OLIVIA MC CAIN of Tuscola, TX

**Zippos Sensation High-Point Youth Over Fences Award:** DAWSON SIMPSON of Jacksonville, FL  
*Award sponsored by Page Simpson*

**Youth Sportsmanship Award:** AMELIA IRELAND of Whitwell, TN

**Webb Parlier Determination Award:** APRIL GOOLSBY of Celina, TX  
*Belt buckle sponsored by Dave Parlier, Leslie Goolsby & Stephanie Marcus-Lavik*

**Randy Cutbirth Memorial Award:** PAYTON CARRINGTON of Tolar, TX  
*Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle Sponsored by friends of Randy Cutbirth*

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To find out more about the 2016 World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show, or other ApHC events, visit [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.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.*

*The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) was established in 1938 with a mission of honoring the heritage and promoting the future of the Appaloosa horse. The ApHC has since registered more than 700,000 Appaloosas, which are known for their distinctive color, intelligence and even temperament. True to their reputation as an extremely versatile breed, Appaloosas can be found in nearly every discipline including racing, endurance riding and serving as reliable family horses. The international breed registry is headquartered in Moscow, Idaho, the heart of the Palouse region—the Appaloosa breed's namesake and point of origin.*

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