

Dear Saskatchewan Youth Horse Enthusiasts:

*Introducing the Saskatchewan Youth Equestrian Tournament 2010!
(SYET)*

Mark **August 20-22nd** on your calendar. Moose Jaw Golden Mile Arena is the place.

Every Youth rider is Welcome. We invite you to participate in this premier joint initiative of the Saskatchewan Horse Federation and the Provincial 4-H Council.

Building on successes of former years, we have designed an event that is innovative and offers a variety of experiences for all. You *WILL* have fun. You *WILL* learn. Everyone *WILL* win.

As this is an Open Youth Tournament any resident of Saskatchewan who is under the age of 18 as of January 1, 2010 may enter. There is also a 4-H only sub-section open to any 4-H member six years of age but not more than 21 years on or before December 31st. As a Heritage Circuit sanctioned horse show, those with nominated horses entered in the Open section classes will have their points count for SHF year-end Heritage awards.

What would the Youth Equestrian Tournament be without the extras away from the show ring? The SYET offers a day of 4 training clinics, and team building social events. There are two days of Open and 4-H competition sections, Tournament Division champions, a 4-H Aggregate Championship, and a Team Tournament with the all-new MJ Toyota Trailer Meltdown Class Championships and overall Team high point awards. And lots of other fun things to do too!

Moose Jaw Toyota Trailer Sales is welcomed as a Platinum sponsor of the event. John Deere joins in as a corporate Gold sponsor for Division Championship Awards. We publically thank all sponsord and encourage you to promote and support them.

Each rider will be randomly assigned to a colour team upon entry. Team points will accumulate from their members' placings over the course of the three days from the various activities and class placing points. So pack up your team spirit, bring your cheering voice and maybe a big ice-cream spoon?

The enclosed Invitation and Prize List has the Entry Forms and Rules and Regulations along with the information needed for all exhibitors. Be sure to read it thoroughly and carefully. Any youth may enter the Open section. 4-H members may enter the Open Section, and/or the 4-H section. However, for Team points to be counted a 4-H rider must indicate on the entry form which section is to count for Team Tournament points. If the 4-H rider enters both Open and 4-H sections, s/he must complete separate entry forms for each, and pay the class and office fees for each.

A few other highlights from the Prize List are worthy of mention here. The Friday training clinics will run from 11am to 4pm with four training events of Trail, Barrels, Dressage and Hunter fences being taught by top clinicians. Participants will be placed in four groups by age categories, with only 15 in a group. So, if you wish to take in the clinics, sign up early. They will fill fast.

Accommodations in Moose Jaw are at a premium during the summer. The Heritage Inn is the official horse show hotel and a block of 35 rooms at a special rate of \$99 per night has been set aside. Book your rooms early [306.693-7550] – they will be available until July 19th at that rate. (Better to cancel later than to book late and find no rooms are available!) Be sure to mention the Youth Equestrian Tournament block when you call in.

Arrivals: Horses may start arriving the morning of August 20, 2010. No shavings are provided. Bring your own, or you can purchase them at the Moose Jaw PV Mart or Co-op. Camping trailer hook-ups are available at the MJ Exhibition grounds. MJ Exhibition does not take reservations so all camping is on a first come basis. And if you want to arrive early, before Friday morning, you must check in, locate your designated stall and pay stalling fees at the MJ Exhibition office. [306 692-2723].

Entries: All entry forms and clinic registrations must be received by August 1st, 2010. Late entries/registrations will be subject to a \$20 fee per rider. Make all cheques payable to the SHF – Youth Tournament.

Show Programs: A special show program will be available listing all entries and classes and with a place for autographs and for keeping a record of your placings – a keepsake for you. Business card ads in the program are available for \$100 each – call Margaret (306.780.9244) if you want to have your farm/business ad in this special edition.

Youth entering 4-H Classes must hand in their record books for display during the weekend. 4-H Youth may only show their current project horse in 4-H classes. There is a 4-H record book contest and the top record book from each club may be entered. Please send them to South East Regional Specialist - Melodi Hawkesford-Lee South East 4-H Office for Judging by August 9th.

And FOOD, you say? The MJ Exhibition canteen has generously offered to make special meals in addition to what is offered on their menu. They will provide a healthy Breakfast Plate each morning at 7 am for 5.50, a Friday night Chili in a Bread Bowl Supper including Coffee or Iced Tea - \$9.50/plate, and a Saturday night Roast Beef Dinner including Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Tossed Salad, Japanese Salad, Bun, Coffee or Iced Tea - \$13/plate. If you are interested in any of these meals please indicate them on your entry form - what meals you would like and how many. (No money - we just need numbers for her. You pay her at the time.) If you need to cancel meals please let us know as soon as possible.

There is limited booth space for retailers at the Tournament. If you know of an equine business interested in display space, please have them contact the SHF at 780-9244.

We are having a silent auction at the Tournament. Donations from businesses, clubs, coaches or individuals will be gratefully accepted. Either send them along, or contact us and we will see all donations are collected.

As always we need volunteers to make sure the Tournament runs smoothly. Gate people, ring stewards, runners, recorders, any number of "odd jobs" are open. If you have any free time please sign on, or just help out at the event as needed. Many hands do make light work. And you can have a lot of fun doing it!

We are now starting the second decade of the new millennium. This new year brings you a new and exciting event, dedicated to developing the equestrian youth of our province and building the members of the horse industry of tomorrow. A committed volunteer group is working hard to make this a worthy event for our provincial youth. Please check the SHF and 4-H websites for the prize list, entry forms, or any updates.

Feel free to call any of the following: **John Beaver, 306.780.9490; Kim Moats, 306.738.4444; Brenda Gilchrist, 306.662.3986 or Tammie Cooper 306.675-4513;** for further information and assistance.

We'll be seeing you all in August - 'till then, enjoy your summer and your horses.

Happy Trails to all,

Kim and Brenda

Kim Moats (4-H) and Brenda Gilchrist (SHF)
Co-chairs, 2010 SYET

Reminders: Entry deadline: August 1st: send to SHF office,
2205 Victoria Avenue, Regina S4P 0S4 Late entry fee: +\$20/entry

Training Clinic registrations in advance: call John; Tammie; Kim or Brenda (tel.#s above)
Single rate: \$60; Family of 2: \$80; Additional youth: \$10

Early arrivals & trailer hook-ups: Moose Jaw Exhibition: [306 692-2723]

Heritage Inn: [306.693-7550]

Tournament Program business card ads: \$100 – call Margaret: [306.780.9244]
Or Carla: [306.780.9449]

Silent Auction Donations: call Tammie [306.675.4513] John [306.780.9490]