

## **USIHC Youth Committee 2011**

### **Implement new youth committee mission statement:**

The USIHC youth committee will focus on creating regional excitement for youth programs and determining ways we can be relevant and support young Icelandic horse riders.

### **Involve regional club youth leaders:**

All regional club youth leaders will be asked to join the youth committee so that the committee can focus on the interests of regional youth riders. The regional youth leaders will help publicize national and international opportunities and events for young riders.

### **Contact and support the Youth Advisory Board:**

The youth advisory board will be contacted and asked to elect a representative to the youth committee. This representative will help us determine the interests of our youth riders and what we can do to support them.

### **Explore the 2010 FEIF Youth Cup and plan for the 2012 FEIF YC:**

All participants of the YC received high marks for their roles as US ambassadors.

Action items for 2012 YC:

1. Improve procedure for Youth Cup application and tryout by defining rules and expectations. Use the WC tryout rules as a guideline.
2. Move up tryout/application date so that riders & leaders have adequate time to plan properly. Tentative dates are June 1 - December 1 for making video. Team announced by January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
3. Close loopholes in procedure that may be unfair, for example age of try out video. Suggest that video has to be made within above guidelines or in 2011.
4. Deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 for all improvements.
5. Strongly advocate for USIHC to continue budgeting \$1000.00 for each, YC Country Leader and YC Team Leader to help with travel expenses to the 2012 YC in Germany. Publicize duties of CL and TL for 2012 YC.
6. Publicize Youth Cup in next summer' s quarterly.

### **Plan 2011 Youth Clinic at Wiesenhof:**

Wiesenhof 2011 is scheduled for:

1. Participants could combine trip to WC and Wiesenhof.
2. Riders could use the clinic to build connections for 2012 Youth Cup since both are located in Germany.
3. Publicize this clinic earlier. Wiesenhof website: [www.der-wiesenhof.de](http://www.der-wiesenhof.de)

### **Create interest in FEIF Youth Camp in Scotland:**

1. Design FAQ sheet.

2. Publicize event in Quarterly.

**Generate information regarding youth riders at World Championships:**

1. Design FAQ sheet.
2. Publicize event in Quarterly.

**Establish USIHC Youth Committee sub-committees:**

Suggest that we form sub-committees based on interest of regional representatives..

1. International events
2. National events
3. PR/Quarterly

**Advertise youth events:**

1. **1/4** page ad in quarterly
2. Information to regional clubs in timely manner.

**Ideas for future events:**

National exchange program to help us get ready for an international exchange program.

**Consider joining the youth committee!**

1. Meet once per month for around **1/2** hour.
2. Dynamic group of USIHC members.
3. Help establish the future of the Icelandic horse in America.
4. We need you!

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