

## Area VII Young Riders News - July 2009

Area VII Young Riders have had a busy start to the Eventing Season!

### Aspen Farms

Our first ever Scavenger Hunt was held with 16 YR's frantically search the grounds at Aspen for items on their list. The winning team received YR sweatshirts for first place and all enjoyed giant cupcakes from Tacoma's Hello Cupcake.

Aspen Farms was also the second selection trial for our NAJYRC candidates and our team vet, Dr. Sue Emerson looked over the candidates horses.

### Young Rider Camp

A successful YR camp was held June 20th -23rd at Aspen Farms in Yelm. We had 38 campers and lessons were given by Young Rider Coach Jonathan Elliott, Jean Moyer, Jennifer Winkler from Calgary, Nikki Ayers from British Columbia and our special guest, John Williams. Along with fabulous lessons and great food, highlights included a scavenger hunt and hula hoop contest complete with prizes from Gallops. Thank you Gallops!

### Inavale Horse Trials and Training Half Star

The Training Half Star was introduced to six Young Riders at Inavale in June. Members Sarah Clancy, Lauren Benge, Kaitie Veltkamp, Mackenzie Wolfe, Courtney Acarrequi and Antonia Drummond took part in training seminars and talks by officials and vets and rode in their first full format competition. Coach Jonathan Elliott gave course walks and advice and was a great resource and help. Stable Manager Anni Grandia had full support from a large number of grooms including, Tulie Budiselich, Maria Schatz, Ashley Loucks, Cadence Michel, Audrey Thomas, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Mara Campbell and Kelly Lynch, Thanks to all of you who pitched in to help at Inavale.

We also held a YR ice cream social and featured guest speaker Dougie Hannum and team from Four Star Equine Therapy. Thank you Dougie for your support of Area VII Young Riders!

### NAJYRC

We are very excited to announce that we will be supporting the following Young Riders in their quest for the gold at the North American Young Rider Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 20-26th. Natascha Eickert will represent Area VII at the Two Star and Amber McCluskey and Lizzie Snow will ride in the One Star. Young Rider members Sarah Clancy, Kelly Lynch, Sarah Carpenter and Hanna Roberts will travel to Kentucky to groom. Our coach for this event is John Williams. The support team of Sue Emerson and Anni Grandia will be there to assist the riders as well.

### Sponsorships and Advertisers

In order to continue to support the YR program we need the following. We need EVERYONE'S help to make the YR program successful. Please help find advertisers and sponsors for the YR Event. A packet was sent to you earlier. If you need another please email me. Please donate an item or items for the YR Benefit HT auction. This is a major fundraiser for our program and we need your help! Please volunteer at the Horse Trials at Donida. We need everyone's help. Contact Anni at [threeday0902@yahoo.com](mailto:threeday0902@yahoo.com) Upcoming Activities Socials and ribbons will be given at Caber and the YR Benefit. Listen for course walk announcements at Area VII Events. Watch for the possibility of a Fall clinic. Thanks for being a part of the Area VII Young Program. We are glad you are!!