

## Human and Equine Volunteers Needed for AQHA Youth World Cup

**American Quarter Horse Youth Association members will compete in an international versatility competition in July.**

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Oklahoma City will host the 2010 Youth World Cup July 3-11, and the American Quarter Horse Association is calling on volunteers – two-legged and four-legged – to make the event a success.

What began as a competition between Australian and U.S. youths more than two decades ago has evolved to include kids from a number of countries – 17 countries are expected for the 2010 Youth World Cup.

Each Youth World Cup team consists of five American Quarter Horse Youth Association members plus a coach. The youth take part in eight days of educational seminars, riding and showmanship clinics, leadership training and competition. Alternate members of the teams attend the educational and leadership seminars. Each team draws a pool of six volunteered horses to use throughout the two-day competition. Each horse is ridden at least once in each class.

Competing team members do not show their own horses. The host country provides each team's horses for clinics and competition, and AQHA relies on horse owners to supply this event with the best American Quarter Horses around. American Quarter Horses are needed for cutting, reining, showmanship, trail, western pleasure, horsemanship, western riding, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation. [Click here for the horse volunteer form](#), and your horse might be an international star in July.

Human volunteers are also needed to help feed the horses, assist with team meals, work the gate, set trail obstacles, work as ring stewards and assist in other areas at the event. AQHA members are the heart and soul of the event and help is needed with all the behind-the-scenes work so the AQHYA members can shine in the arena. If you would like to meet some great AQHYA members from around the world while volunteering at the 2010 Youth World Cup, [click here to learn more](#).

"To make the event a success, we are calling on AQHA members to provide American Quarter Horses for our AQHYA members to ride at the 2010 Youth World Cup," said David Avery, AQHA director of international programs. "We are also looking for volunteers to assist with and be part of the excitement of this international event. Many of the AQHYA members have dreamed of competing at the Youth World Cup, and we want to make this an experience of a lifetime that they will never forget."

Team rosters are due to AQHA by March 31. Team USA has announced the names of the AQHYA members that will represent the host country in 2010.

### Team USA Riders:

Peyton Bivins – Amarillo, Texas  
Alison Ceresani – Tuckerton, New Jersey  
Katie Krshka – Yukon, Oklahoma  
Reed Kyle – Whitesboro, Texas  
Nick Murphy – Jackson, Missouri

### Team USA Leadership:

Taylor Duncanson – Raymond, Maine  
Lauren Halvorson (and rider alternate) – Guthrie, Oklahoma  
Jocelyn Tanner – Webster, New Hampshire  
Leah Thomas – South Royalton, Vermont  
Kaitlyn Wadman – Haverhill, Massachusetts

For the latest information on the 2010 Youth World Cup, [click here](#). Forms for volunteers and horses can be downloaded at the site.