

## 12/20/08 - December Fundraising Update

Dear Young Riders,

Pam Dichting and I are very excited about some of the great fundraising projects we have started for 2009. We hope to keep building on the great ideas that Kathryn Guidry began last year and are very grateful for all that she has contributed to our program. If you have not already been in touch with Mrs. Guidry about the 2009 Calendar please email her so that she can get calendars to you to sell. We think that you will all be pleased to see how beautiful the calendar turned out this year!

This year we are starting a Fundraising Award's Program. We will award prizes from 1st to 5th place to five young riders who have exceeded their fundraising requirements:

- 1st Place – A Free Summer Camp Entry
- 2nd Place – Horse Trials Entry (TBD)
- 3rd Place – A Young Rider Clinic Entry
- 4th Place – A Free Young Rider Membership
- 5th Place – A Gift Certificate to an Area Tack Shop

Our 2009 fundraising activities are outlined below and will count towards your fundraising requirements and volunteer hours:

- "Support Area III Young Riders" Bumper Stickers. Available for sale at Area 3 Horse Trials for \$5 each. Email: slendl@earthlink.net if you would like me to send them to you directly.
- The December 28-29 Benefit XC Clinic taught by Buck Davidson (day 1) and an unmounted seminar (day 2) hosted by Buck's fabulous Head Groom Kathleen Blauth & "The Art of the Jog" and Veterinary Q&A with Christiana Ober, DVM (the Canadian Olympic Team Vet)
- 2009 Collectible Area III YR Sticker with Artwork donated by Jocelyn Sandor Urban, a well-respected equine artist. (Available for sale Jan/Feb at horse trials)
- The one-of-a-kind USEA Area III Young Riders' Benefit Cookbook with recipes from many of your favorite professionals, organizers, officials, young riders and adult riders. (Available for sale at Red Hills)
- The Area III Young Riders' Tent at Red Hills will once again need young riders to volunteer and help with crafts.
- A Spaghetti Dinner, benefiting the Young Riders' Program will be offered Friday evening to competitors at the March Poplar Place Farm Horse Trials. (Volunteers needed)
- Training 3 Day Clinic open to young riders and adults (Date TBD).

As a young rider, meeting your fundraising requirements is crucial to the success of our program. We want to be able to offer our young riders many more opportunities for making new friends, improving your riding skills and learning more about horsemanship. Fundraising for the program allows us to do these things for you. We continue to work on giving you new tools to help meet your fundraising requirements, but we need your help so volunteer and get involved!

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