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Hi Everyone!

I just wanted to let you know what has been going on with MQHYA. The summer is going by so fast, I can't believe it! I know that everyone is busy with their summer show schedule. Just remember to take time to enjoy yourself!

We had a great group of kids who made the long journey to Amarillo for the Y.E.S. Convention: Cait Kerber, Nick Murphy, Darrin Kraft, Shayla Mitchell, Stacie Mitchell, Kelsey Ward and Frantina Williams. Thanks so much to our brave and fearless chaperones this year, Bonnie Mitchell and Sharon Ward. From go-cart racing and very wet bumper boats in Oklahoma City to movies and music during the drive, to great fun hanging out with all of the other kids at the convention, the trip was a blast! The convention really gets you charged up about AQHYA! I really hope that everyone considers going to Y.E.S. next year. It really is worth the trip.

Our current president, Nick Murphy is not at home right now to write this month's letter as he is in Oklahoma and Texas practicing his reining and cutting skills in preparation for the AQHYA Youth World Cup! The opening ceremonies will be this Sunday, July 3rd! Nick will join Katy Krshka, Reed Kyle, Peyton Bivins and Alison Ceresani to represent Team USA. The competition begins Sunday when each of the seventeen countries draws for their team of horses. Clinics by top trainers will be given at the beginning of the week and then the countries will battle it out. If you are interested, AQHA will have live coverage of the World Cup events.

Things are moving right along towards the AQHYA World Championship Show! I have mailed in all of our entries. Thanks to everyone for getting them back to me so quickly. We really have a great team this year! Here are some last minute reminders:

- ❖ It is very important for you and your parent(s) to read your online World Show booklet carefully!
- ❖ VERY IMPORTANT! You MUST have your horse's original registration papers, coggins papers dated within the last 12 months, and health papers dated within 30 days! They will check these papers as you come into the fairgrounds! Have them ready! They will not let you in if you are missing anything!

- ❖ It will be very hot so make sure you bring a couple of fans and extra water buckets for your horse(s). We have big fans for the alley-ways.
- ❖ Please check the MQHYA Information board daily. We will do our best to keep you informed of any schedule changes.
- ❖ Everyone who is planning on participating in the Parade of Teams on Monday, August 2 needs to wear blue jeans, boots and your MQHYA T-Shirt (which you will get in OKC). The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Please watch for further details on the time we will meet at the stall area!
- ❖ We will be competing in the Stall Decorations Contest during the World Show. A big part of this contest is keeping our area spotless! Please do your part to keep your area neat!
- ❖ There will be a hospitality stall. We will do our best to keep it stocked with drinks and snacks. We ask that everyone donate water, soda, or snacks throughout the week. There will be a sign-up sheet at the stall.
- ❖ I will let you all know where our stalls will be as soon as I hear from AQHYA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 573-579-8840. I will be getting to OKC on Wednesday, July 28th. While you want to compete well, the actual competition is only a small part of the World Show experience. It is very important to help and support each other. Please do your best to enjoy being a part of the MQHYA World Show Team!

Good Luck and I hope to see you all in Oklahoma City!
Linda Murphy