

Region 12 YOUTH JAMBOREE 2012

The 24th Annual Region 12 Youth Jamboree was held at the T. Ed Garrison Arena, Clemson SC for the 5th year in a row. The attendance improved by a staggering 20%. The young riders, parents, instructors and clinicians all stepped up and did an outstanding job.

The structure of Youth Jamboree lends itself to anyone. Fees for the clinics and show are kept to a minimum to allow everyone to participate. Arabians and part bred Arabians as well as other breeds were well represented. Our clinicians are well respected horsemen and horsewomen from various breeds and disciplines who give of their time and talents to prepare our young riders of tomorrow.

Again this year we combined our unrated and rated classes into the same show which allowed all our exhibitors to watch and learn from each other. This proved to be a greater success as we had 77 exhibitors. The young riders cheered each other on even until the last class.

This year we introduced several new topics which included drill team, patterns and negotiating the show rings. Purina also provided an evening talk on equine nutrition. Tri County Technical College (TCTC) presented a program on becoming a Vet Tech. Many parents and youth asked questions of both Purina and TCTC.

Thanks to the parents. When we asked for assistance, you were there. When your children needed a shoulder, you were there. Youth Jamboree can not exist without your help. Again, thanks!

Thursday night is FUN NIGHT! The youth present their creative costumes. This has become a long standing tradition at Jamboree. This year they did not disappoint. The group and individual divisions were both large. Avatar won the individual and Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs + horse took top honors in the group.



Of course, I can not say enough about our outstanding clinicians! They all worked tirelessly without complaint. All of them indicated how pleased they were with the desire and dedication of the youth.. It is amazing watching a young rider advance from the very basics on Tuesday and then show on Friday & Saturday. What an accomplishment!

I can't say enough about our sponsors. Jamboree can not and will not exist without their assistance. Purina awarded 2 scholarships to cover Jamboree expenses and Coca-Cola awarded a higher education \$500 scholarship. AgSouth sponsored our t-shirts again this year. Comfort Inn-Clemson presented our youth with an afternoon pizza & pool party. Thank you to the many individuals, training barns and clubs that also sponsored meals, classes and ice cream for the youth.

We need your support each and every year. I would like to challenge every club in Region 12 to make a donation to the 2013 Youth Jamboree. It will be our Silver Anniversary Jamboree. It will be special in every way but we will need all Region 12 clubs to step up and make a contribution. Please make it a priority in your club.

Our equestrian youth are the future of the industry and Region 12 is a primary player in that!

Please send me your comments and concerns so we can start our planning for the Silver Anniversary of Youth Jamboree.

Robert Obermiller
25th Anniversary Youth Jamboree 2013

2012 Region 12 Youth Jamboree - a week of learning & fun!

