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The Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association Introduces The ORCHA Youth Group!

The National Reined Cow Horse Association's 2009 Affiliate of the Year, Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association continues its promotion and preservation of the reined cow horse with its new Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association Youth Group.

Developed in the spirit of the National Reined Cow Horse Youth Association, by ORCHA member, Kelly Pinkston, DVM, the ORCHA Youth Group seeks improve leadership, scholarship, community interest and participation of youth in the reined cow horse industry.

"We want to promote the cow horse shows as a family activity, says Pinkston. "The best way to do that is to involve the young people. We are going to promote youth clinics, a year-end scholarship, and more awards for our youth."

The ORCHA Youth Group's board of directors includes:

NRCHYA Board of Directors Member and NE Regional Representative, Emilie Lind, as well as Meleah Brumfield, Colton Lind, Hanna Hocker, Tristen Rowland and Austin Carter.

"The youth are the future of the sport; it won't be long before they become our non-pro and open riders," says Emilie Lind, a member of ORCHA Youth Board Director and the NRCHYA Board of Directors. "So it is important that we give them a chance to be involved in the evolution of the sport."

"I would like to see all the youth be able to come together to share new ideas on improving the sport within our organization. That way we may have a solid foundation for future events," continues Lind.

The ORCHA Youth Group will hold its first meeting during the June show on Saturday June 26, with the time and place being announced at the show.

Sponsors that have already generously donated to the advancement of the ORCHA Youth Group includes Jackie Colby and Darren Roberts, as well as Rocking S Mules and Performance Horses, and Equestrian Paradise Ranch.

For more information about the ORCHA Youth Group, to sponsor youth activities, or to join, can visit the youth page at www.ohiorcha.com.

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Not only will the ORCHA produce an exciting 2010 show season, it also remains dedicated to being a place where everyone can experience the thrill of cow horse competition. The 2010 schedule will also include clinics that offer something for everyone.

The 2010 show season will culminate with the Heartbreak Ridge Performance Horses Derby, newly added ORCHA Futurity and Stallion Stakes, as well as a clinic by renowned trainer and only woman to win the Snaffle Bit Futurity, Sandy Collier, October 29-November 1.

From the energetic youth to the seasoned veterans and from the greenest of green to National Champions, ORCHA has something for everyone in 2010.

Without its generous sponsors, none of this would be possible. ORCHA would like to thank Just like Starlight, Roseberry Cattle Company, DAC, Rosell Trailer Sales, Heartbreak Ridge Performance Horses, Taylor Performance Horses, McBride Cow Horses, Triple F Ranch, Veal Performance Horses, Rods, and Yellow Creek Ranch for their support.

Founded in 2008, the Ohio Reined Cow Horse Association is a non-profit affiliate of the National Reined Cow Horse Association. For more information on the ORCHA, check out the Web site www.ohiorcha.com.

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