

2016 Prairie Meadows & Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association Youth Days . . . Racing for the Future

The Prairie Meadows & Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association Youth Days . . . Racing for the Future committee would like to invite youth to attend *Youth Days . . . Racing For the Future*. From August 19 – August 21, 2016 Prairie Meadows will host six youths ages 15-18 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack in Altoona, IA, arriving on Friday evening, for fun and interactive learning on the backside of the racetrack. Each participant will experience one-on-one mentoring with a trainer, assisting with barn duties, and helping with the training of a horse which they will see run in a live race during the event.

*Thank you to our 2016 Event Supporters:
Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association, Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino*

Friday evening, we will meet at the Motel at 5:00 PM. The evening program will include – Pizza Party, meet your trainer along with several past Youth Day participants sharing their experiences with you.

The 2-day agenda will include:

- Care & maintenance of race horses
- Morning workouts & training
- The starting gates
- The racing office & entry process
- Farrier work
- Track maintenance & repair
- Tour of the test barn
- Meet the stewards & racing officials
- Meet & talk with jockeys
- Race preparation of horses
- Awards luncheon
- Race sponsorship with group trophy presentation in the Winner's Circle.

\$5,000 in Scholarships to be awarded

Participants will be selected from the received application based on submitted essay and general application.

Participants will be chaperoned by licensed racetrack officials and members of the horsemen's organizations. Those attending will have fun and learn while they work and experience the rewarding sensation of a job well done as their horses cross the finish line.

This is an opportunity to experience the challenges and rewards that center around the horse racing industry. The goal of this program is to give young adults the opportunity to work firsthand alongside horsemen, increasing their knowledge and appreciation of the horse racing industry.

For applications or more information contact:

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**Applications MUST be received by
July 1, 2016**

2016 Prairie Meadows & Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association
“Youth Days . . . Racing for the Future Application”
August 19-21, 2016 at Prairie Meadows Race Track

Please fill this form out completely and return with a color photograph suitable for printing in a program (school photograph preferable). Applicants must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2016, to be eligible.

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth(mm/dd/yy): _____ Gender: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Are you a member of a state or regional Horse Association? Yes No

If yes, do you hold an office in your association or group? Yes No

List all organizations you are a member of: _____

Hobbies and Interests: _____

List your past experience(s) involving horses (i.e. ridden since you were 3, etc) _____

Future plans or career goals: _____

Are any of your family members involved in Horse racing? Yes No

If yes, in what capacity? Please check all that apply.

Trainer Owner Racetrack Employee Breeder Jockey

Other (please explain) _____

List any previous knowledge or experience you have of or in the horse race industry: _____

*****You MUST attach a hand-written essay explaining why you are interested in horse racing and why you should be selected to participate in this program***.**

Signature of Participant: _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

Return this form no later than July 1, 2016 to:

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