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HHYF BELIEVES!

In response to recent actions within the industry, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation is compelled to reinforce our position regarding the importance of young people's access to all facets of harness racing.

1) HHYF believes that harness racing needs young people – as potential fans and upcoming horse persons and as innovative thinkers as they become more involved;

2) HHYF believes that young people need to be able to get up close to the horses, whether it be at training centers, on breeding farms, in the grandstand, in press boxes, or attending races with their own horses. The horses and action provide the best catalyst for further interest; without access, interest will wane quickly.

3) HHYF knows that young people benefit from exposure to harness racing. With hands-on experiences, they learn important life skills as well as hopefully sparking interest in certain areas of the business.

4) HHYF knows that harness racing benefits from youth involvement by cultivating multi-generational interest which helps to grow the industry.

HHYF has been working to introduce young people and their families about harness racing for 43 years. Please join us as we continue our educational efforts by advocating full opportunities – our future depends on it.

Respectfully,

Adam Bowden, HHYF President; Corey Callahan, HHYF Vice President;
Allison Conte, HHYF Secretary; Ellen Taylor, HHYF Executive Director

2019 IN REVIEW

OHIO GRAND TOUR



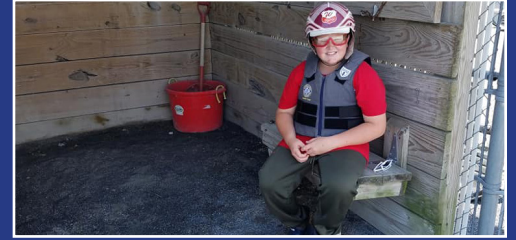
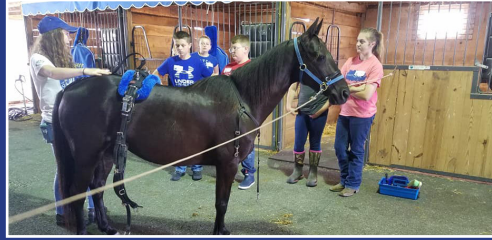
Less than 12 hours after his plane landed in Indianapolis, Bob Lasky, our new truck driver, took off to pick up jog carts in Goshen and horses in the Delaware area and was back to Bucyrus in time for the first camp! Summer assistant Katie Eick and HHYF graduate Hannah Hassan rounded out the human team as “the 2019 Ohio Grand Tour.” HHYF made quick stops at Bucyrus, Van Wert, Greenville, and Marysville to begin our summer. As usual, it took little time for the “regulars” CD’s Miss M, Ima’s Hit, IWant Another and Royal Attire to fall into their routine. Newcomer L & S Golden Cherokee KC’s wasn’t sure of what was expected but she is only 3 years old. Thanks to the patience of her spring conditioners (Andrew, Shannon, and Ethan Stafford) along with some extra TLC from Katie, she began to enjoy most aspects of her new career. (We think her favorite part is bath time!)



HARRINGTON RACEWAY, DE

After packing up in Marysville, Bob and Katie ventured on to Harrington Raceway for the first of the newly formatted 3-day events. The six participants had a good time learning and making new friends (rumor has it that hide-n-seek was the game of choice during time in the police dorms). With no programs scheduled for a couple of weeks after

Harrington, with many thanks to Karen Craft and the Raceway, Katie and the horses layed over there. They used the equisizer wheel, jogged on the front and back tracks, were dewormed and reshod and the new truck had its first oil change. But soon it was time to head to Virginia for two 1-day camps which were well-attended.



SHENANDOAH DOWNS, VA



GOSHEN HISTORIC TRACK, NY

With the excitement and anticipation building as is usual for the Leadership Program, the staff and horses headed to Goshen Historic Track. With the new concept of exhibitions at Leadership (and thus the lucky Meadowlands invitees being selected from the Leadership participants), it was a great week of activity. A field trip to Cameo Hills Farm, visits from the equine dentist and trainer Ray Schnittker, a guided tour of the Harness Racing Museum and trip to the gift shop, as well as the opportunity to gate school individually with Brian Connor were special highlights up until race day. Families were invited for exhibitions and were entertained by announcer Ross Cohen and color commentary by Bob Heyden. The rain right at post time did not diminish the participants' enthusiasm though it did make for some muddy colors and two-bucket baths.

MEADOWS, PA

Many thanks to the Meadows for including HHYF in their Drivers Charity Challenge!

GAITWAY FARM, NJ

Katie and the stable then headed to Katie's home turf in central New Jersey.



THE MEADOWLANDS, NJ



Four lucky young people were chosen for the annual Meadowlands Invitational. Genna Kerlin (driving Royal Attire and assisted by Dexter Dunn), Paige Kopiec (driving I Want Another and assisted

by David Miller), Collin Young (driving by Ima's Hit and assisted by Corey Callahan), and Dedrick Sanders (driving CD's Miss M and assisted by Tim Tetrick) completed the very competitive field.



@tetrickracing My #Hambo19 highlight was the opportunity to co-pilot with Dedrick Sanders in the 2019 HHYF Annual Invitational at Meadowlands Racetrack



Prior to the arrival of the HHYF participants in the afternoon, Katie had the opportunity to speak with students from the

Clyde Hirt Journalism Workshop. They got a quick look "behind the scenes" in the barn and a lap around the Big M track.



THE DOWNS AT MOHEGAN SUN POCONO, PA

After a quick night's rest after Hambo festivities, the HHYF crew was up early and loaded the rig to travel on to Wilkes Barre for another 3-day event.

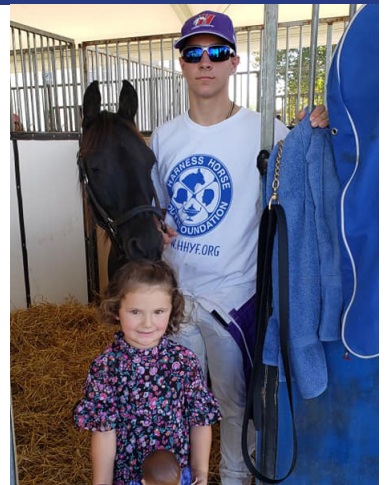
The final event for the summer with all the stable members together was a visit from the Old Suffolk Pony Club all the way from Long Island.



FAYETTE FEST/RED MILE, KY



HHYF attended Fayette Fest at the Red Mile on KY Sires Stakes Final Day. Special guest Royal Attire along with HHYF graduate AJ Wright and 2018 Curt Greene Scholarship recipient Hanna Darrow assisted with the day's activities.



HOOSIER PARK, IN

Always a season highlight, the Anderson Community Schools 4th grade field trip - this year, more than 550 kids and teachers participated!

On Community night, HHYF accepted a generous check from General Manager Rick More!



OPEN SPACE PACE, NJ

HHYF trustee Olivia Kimelman and graduates in the area joined forces for Open Space Pace in Freehold and graciously accepted the donation check.



EVEN OUR STAFF HAS FUN



Katie Eick, returning as summer assistant for her fourth year, had fun with Royal Attire and even got to ride Homer!





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Thank you!