

# AMERICAN MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION



# The AMHA Youth Scoop

Welcome to the February edition of AMHA Youth's newsletter! Stay up to date with all Youth happenings and don't forget to check out the AMHA Youth website for more information.

**Click Here** 

# **Youth Contests**



Youth of the Year contests provide an excellent opportunity to improve your horsemanship skills and knowledge! And winners of local contests can qualify to compete for AMHA Youth of the Year at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® in Oklahoma City.

Sign up to participate or volunteer in a youth contest! There is no better time to become involved than right now! Stay tuned for more local contests to be announced soon!

2025 Local Youth of the Year Contests

March 27-30, 2025 Carousel Charity YOTY Contest Westworld of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ Chairperson: Jolene Galvin-Yerckie; jolenegalvin@yahoo.com; (413) 374-1720 Divisions Offered: Walk/Trot, Junior, Senior \$500 Grand National YOTY Contest scholarship offered to Senior winner

June 18-21, 2025 *Oregon Morgan Classic YOTY contest* Oregon Horse Center, *Eugene, OR* Chairperson: Sierra Breckenridge; sierrabreckenridge@gmail.com; (503)428-3700 Divisions Offered: Walk/Trot, Junior, Senior \$400 Grand National YOTY Contest Scholarship offered to Senior winner

July 17-19, 2025 *Morgan Masterpiece* YOTY Contest Sunny View Expo Center; *Oshkosh, WI* Chairperson: Jordan Freitag; jordyequine@gmail.com; (608)234-2689 Divisions Offered: Walk/Trot, Junior, Senior

August 12, 2025 *Massachusetts Morgan* YOTY Contest Big E Fairgrounds, *W. Springfield, MA* Chairperson: Pam Powers; ppowers08@gmail.com; (413)387-9614 Divisions Offered: Walk/Trot, Junior, Senior \$500 Grand National YOTY contest scholarship offered to Senior winner

For more information on the AMHA Youth of the Year program, click HERE.

Did you know any Morgan club, Team or barn may host a YOTY Contest? Would you like to run a 2025 YOTY contest? Click <u>HERE</u> for more details and a fillable application!

# 2025 Silver Medal Classes



# Shows holding AMHA Silver Medal Classes near you!

March 27-30 Carosel Charity/UPHA CH 1 Horse Show, Scottsdale, AZ	April 3-5 Indiana Spring Classic, Shipshewana, IN	April 15 City Kickoff Horse Show, Oklahoma City, OK
April 17-20 Diamond Jubilee Horse Show, San Juan Capistrano, CA	April 23-26 Citrus Cup Morgan Regional Horse Show, Ocala, FL	April 23-26 UPHA Chapter 14 Spring Premier Horse Show, West Springfield, MA
May 7-11 Key Classic Benefit Horse Show, Monroe, WA	May 21-24 Southern States Horse Show, Raleigh, NC	May 22-24 Route 66 Morgan Classic, Oklahoma City, OK
May 23-25 Michigan All Morgan, East Lansing, MI	June 10-13 Charity Fair Horse Show, Del Mar, CA	June 18-21 Oregon Morgan Classic Eugene, OR
July 16-20 Morgan Medallion Monroe, WA	July 17-19 Morgan Masterpiece Horse Show, Oshkosh, WI	July 21-26 New England Morgan, Northampton, MA
July 30-August 3 C-Fair Charity Horse Show Monroe, WA	August 7-9 Buckeye Morgan Challenge Horse Show (Pending), Springfield, OH	August 13-16 Massachusetts Morgan Horse Show, West Springfield, MA
August 27-30 Jubilee Regional Horse Show, Springfield, IL	September 10-13 New York Regional Morgan Horse Show, Syracuse, NY	September 12-14 Labor Day Classic Horse Show, Del Mar, CA
December 4-7 Jingle Bell Horse Show, Del Mar, CA		

Want More Information? Click Below:

AMHA MEDALS PROGRAM or MEDAL CLASSES NEAR YOU

Now accepting <u>Medal Class Show Applications</u> for the upcoming 2025 show season.

See all 2024 Gold Medal Winners <u>HERE</u> See all 2024 Silver Medal Winners <u>HERE</u>

# Youth Council



The AMHA Youth Council is composed of AMHA Youth members (21 and under), each selected for his or her devotion to the breed, creativity, and professionalism. Youth Council members are instrumental in promoting Morgan horse education and advancement across the country to their peers through friendship, fundraising and fun.

> Learn More

### MEET YOUR YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS!

Would you like to be a part of this amazing group?

AMHA welcomes all youth ages 12-21 interested in joining the Youth Council. Fill out the Youth Council Application form <u>HERE</u> and send to <u>nicole@morganhorse.com</u>.

For more information please contact Nikki at (859) 287-2470, ext.404.

# The Morgan Horse Source

Episode 35 *IS HERE!* "Jordan's Journey to Center Ring" with *Jordan Freeman*.

> **CLICK THE IMAGE BELOW** to watch the full episode on YouTube.



Follow our **Facebook** page to receive updates.

We have all episodes from this fun interview series available to binge! Want to hear from industry experts how they got started? Learn some tricks of the trade? Hear about a day in the life of horse pro? Visit the <u>AMHAY Spotify Podcast</u>!

> Click for Past Episodes Here

Laugh it up!



Q: Why did the horse go to the vet?

# A: Hay fever!

# Youth Merit Program



The AMHAY Merit Program is designed to help you become a competent horseperson. The six successive levels of testing are designed to increase knowledge of the Morgan breed and general horsemanship, while receiving recognition for hard work. The AMHA Youth Committee continually works to enhance all five levels of the Merit Program.

### 2025 MERIT ACHIEVERS

### FIGURE LEVEL

Rosalie E. Barrow Natalie Lemanski Nova Jones Mila Faidell

### WOODBURY LEVEL

Ruby Cole Lydia Nadolny Do you know a Youth that would like to become an AMHA Youth member? Complete the Figure Level of the Merit Program and get a *FREE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP* for the remainder of the year!

# **AMHA Teams Programs**

The AMHA Teams Program is made possible in part by funding received from the United States Equestrian Federation. USEF has provided funding for the program that will go toward end of year awards.



### Announcing our 2024 Youth Team Winners!

Looking back on a successful year, AMHA would like to congratulate the 2024 Youth Team winners!

#### **Individual High Point Winner**

Emmy Kraegel Varner of CCR Morganites

#### Large Teams

- 1. Twin Elm's Show Teams, Onsted, MI
- 2. Lingering Hills Youth Group; Unionville, CT

#### Medium Teams

- 1. The Mighty Morgans; Middleboro, MA
- 2. Riding Rascals; Holland, MA
- 3. Team Sebring; Richmond, MA
- 4. More With Morgans; Northville, MI

#### Small Teams

- 1. Blackrose Morgans; Colchester, VT
- 2. The Crystal Champions; Marshall, MI
- 3. CCR Morganites; Oklahoma City, OK
- 4. WRA Team Morgan; Derby, KS
- 5. Braeburn Hot Trotters; Chatham, NY
- 6. Primarch Equestrians; Fairfax, VT
- 7. Evergreen Morgans; Kent, WA
- 8. Show Me Morgan Youth; Luebbering, MO
- 9. Mid-Michigan Morgans; Saginaw, MI
- 10. St. Lawrence River Riders; Cape Vincent, NY
- 11. Rushton Stables LA Team; Valley Village, CA

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The program is based on an accumulation of points within your "team" throughout the competition year. It recognizes Morgan youth at all levels of horsemanship. Points will be

earned for performing many different tasks relating to the Morgan horse from all aspects, from home at the barn, to horse shows, to their commitment to AMHA youth programs such as Youth Contests and the AMHA Youth Council.

#### Find out more about the Teams program HERE

Want to start a Team in 2025? For more info contact Nikki!(859) 448-5109 or <u>nicole@morganhorse.com</u> or click <u>HERE</u>.



You're Never Too Young to Make a Difference.

# UPHA Ribbons of Service

UPHA's Ribbons of Service is a program through which UPHA youth members raise funds for the patients and families of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or an approved non-profit charity. It is open to all youth members who compete while riding or driving a Morgan horse. For more info on this great program, click the button below.

UPHA Ribbons of Service

# - Scholarship Opportunities -



Morgan Horse Associations nationwide, along with Morgan Shows and Clubs offer great scholarships for our Youth. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for opportunities across that nation!

## 2025 Youth Camps

Camps offer a fun and valuable way for you to learn about horsemanship while making new friends and building confidence. The 2025 Youth Camps confirmed so far are:

July 7-11, Aug 4-8 Full weeks June 17-20 Half days CPM Stables Newton, NH

Keep up-to-date on all the camps offered in 2025 by clicking <u>HERE</u>, and check back often as the list of camps is always growing.

### AMHA Youth Patch Project!

Become a part of the AMHA Youth Patch Project!



Girth

Throatlatch

With every AMHA Youth Program you become involved in, you receive a patch!

Collect all of the patches and show them off!

To find out all of the ways to get a patch, click the link below!

Youth Patch Project Information

### AMHA Flash Card Game

Did you get your flashcards yet? A great way to study for your upcoming Youth contest. Get yours today!

### Parts of the Horse or Parts of Tack



Weymouth Snaffle Rein

STAY CONNECTED WITH EVERYTHING YOUTH



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