

# AZRHYA SPRING NEWSLETTER

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## PARA REINING

In 2023, The AzRHA added its first Para Reining class to the schedule. Para Reining is a class designed to give riders of all abilities the opportunity to compete in reining.



This last year we had one rider, Everlee Leyva, participate and we see a great opportunity for the class to grow. The Para Reining class will be available again in 2024 at all three of our shows. If you or

anyone you know wants to get involved in Para Reining, please contact the AzRHA.

BY: EVERLEE LEYVA, AZRHYA SECRETARY

## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer hours are REQUIRED to apply for the Grant Berg Scholarship. You need a minimum of 8 hours at an AZRHA show OR another NRHA affiliate. Hours must be signed off by the youth coordinator or show office by the conclusion of the show and sent to [azrhayouth@gmail.com](mailto:azrhayouth@gmail.com) within 1 week.

### DEADLINES!!

RHF & Merit Scholarships.....March 1

NRHYA Art Contest.....May 1

## SPONSOR SHOUTOUT



If you are local to the Scottsdale/Rio Verde area, check out a new vet clinic in town! Rio Verde Animal Hospital is owned by fellow reiners, Mike and Kristi Peplowski. They graciously donated vet packages to our Basket Raffle this past October, which were a huge hit! Thank you for supporting the youth RVAH, we will definitely be supporting you!

## NEW VOLUNTEER PERKS

*EARN AZRHYA MERCHANDISE WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER AT OUR SHOWS!*

Be sure to visit the youth area or show office to find out how you can earn hours.

2 HOURS- AZRHYA HAT CAN STICKER

6 HOURS- AZRHYA GROOMING TOWEL

10 HOURS- AZRHYA HAT

12 HOURS- AZRHYA TUMBLER

## UPCOMING SHOWS

SUN CIRCUIT MARCH 10

CACTUS CLASSIC MARCH 16 & 17

MOTHER'S DAY SLIDE MAY 11 & 12

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## MDS Events

Saturday following youth classes-join us for a meeting and other fun activities!

**Ride-A-Buck** will be held Friday night following the Derby. This has historically been an exciting event for riders of ALL levels. Bring your brokest buddy and participate in our youth fundraiser. You may just walk away the big winner! \$\$



## Leadership Clinic

Are you interested in AZRHA or NRHA leadership opportunities?

Would you like to know more about what is required of you or what the benefits are? Join us for a clinic led by our current AZRHYA and NRHYA Presidents. This will be highly informative and will be open for Q&A.

## GRANT BERG SCHOLARSHIP

AZRHA is proud to offer the Grant Berg Scholarship for the fourth year. Not only is this scholarship a fantastic opportunity for youth members to gain writing, speaking, and volunteer experience for the chance to earn \$2,500, it is also near and dear to the heart of the reining horse family. We established this youth scholarship in honor of Grant Berg, son of Mike and Kristi, and desire to keep his memory alive while providing our youth tools and opportunities to better themselves and their futures.

Our past three winners are: Kalena Reynolds, who is currently using her scholarship as a D1 athlete at Baylor University; Aubree Leyva, who will use her scholarship this fall as a D1 athlete at Texas A&M; and Victoria McClure, who has several years to decide where she wants to attend college and put this scholarship to use. If you believe in the importance of empowering our youth to achieve their dreams and are compelled to make a direct contribution, you can visit this link-

<https://cgillettevents.formstack.com/forms/grantbergdonation>

One-hundred percent of contributions go directly to the scholarship fund. Fundraising hosted by the youth during our shows also goes to this scholarship fund. If you donate items, buy raffle tickets, or participate in any other way, we thank you for your continued support toward the future of our sport.

Application details and updates can be found on our website.

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### BENTLEY SHOW PADS

For the past several years, Bentley Show Pads has donated a blanket for our Best of the West Basket Raffle. Their blankets are beautiful and always sought after items in the raffle.



Be sure to support the companies that support our association and the youth! Thank you Bentley Show Pads for YOUR continued support!

