

## 2008 Prairie Meadows Youth Days . . . Racing for the Future Application Program to be held July 30 – August 2

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 years old as of January 1, 2008, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 June 1, 2008 to:**

**Butch Hammer**  
411 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Des Moines IA 50265  
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# Youth Days . . . Racing for the Future

The Prairie Meadows Youth Days . . . Racing for the Future committee would like to invite youth to attend Youth Days . . . Racing For the Future. On July 30 – August 2, 2008, Prairie Meadows will host ten youth ages 15-19 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack in Altoona, IA, for four days of fun, 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 2007 Event Supporters:*

*Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association, Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino, Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association, The Tack Shack, Hy-Vee of Altoona, Iowa, Heartland Inn, Altoona, Nutrena, U.S. Feeds, Coady Photography, Dewey Ford, River Ridge Ranch, AQHA/MBNA Grant Program, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship*

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## **The 4-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 banquet

Race sponsorship with group trophy presentation in the Winner's Circle

Scholarships to be awarded

Tour of one of our area's finest ranches

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.

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**Applications MUST be received by**  
**June 1, 2008**