



# 2010 Region 12 Youth Jamboree

For those who have never come, this is a week of clinics and shows for youth 17 and under from any and all breeds. The clinics themselves are free with a nominal fee for stalls. The shows are divided into an Open and a "C" Rated event. The fees for the shows are kept to a minimum as well to allow everyone to participate. Our clinicians are well respected horsemen and horsewomen from various breeds and disciplines who give of their time and talents to prepare our young riders of tomorrow.

This year was hot (an obvious understatement), but these young riders were real troopers. They rolled with the flow as we had to change the schedule because of the heat warnings. The modified schedule actually seemed to be a real hit since many of them got to swim and relax during the hottest part of the day. Returning for evening clinics was a great move for all.

The parents also were generous with their time and talents. We were shorthanded most of the time and as we asked for help with setting up rings or handing out ribbons, they were there. Thank you parents for your help and understanding during this year's event, I know we could not have done it without you. Your input for the future is also vital to make the Jamboree bigger and better for 2011.

What can I say about the clinicians? Each and all of them gave 110%. I heard many of the riders and parents thanking the clinicians as they left their last clinics. Many of the clinicians gave extra time to some individuals which meant so much! It was amazing to see the participation grow each day. A prime example of that was our trail. The first day, the clinic had 3 riders. The last clinic on Thursday had 15 riders!

I can't say enough about our sponsors. Jamboree can not and will not exist without their assistance. AgSouth and Purina were our two primary sponsors. AgSouth underwrote our t-shirts and Purina handled the meals (including an ice cream sundae party) and special speakers for an entire day. Anita Hood and Rhonda Bowles deserve a gold medal for their efforts on behalf of Purina. To all of the clubs and individuals that helped out, I thank you too! We need your support each and every year.

What does all this say about the Youth Jamboree? It speaks volumes about the importance of this event and the need for it to continue for years to come. Our equestrian youth are the future of the industry and Region 12 is a primary player in that!

Please send me your comments and concerns so we can start our planning for 2011. My email is [robermiller@gumlog.net](mailto:robermiller@gumlog.net). The 2011 Youth Jamboree will be held again at the T. Ed Garrison Arena near Clemson, SC. The dates will be June 13-18, 2011. Mark your calendars now and look for additional reminders coming through out the next months. Look for us on Facebook as well.

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