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## **AYHC's 31st Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium Offers Stellar Lineup of Presenters**

The American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) invites youth horse enthusiasts to join us in celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium on February 29 – March 2, 2008 in Raleigh, NC. The Symposium, hosted by North Carolina State University Extension Horse Husbandry and the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program, offers a unique opportunity for the youth horse industry to gather and celebrate connecting kids through horses and promises to provide education, inspiration, communication and motivation!

The Symposium will kick off with a welcome reception followed by networking roundtable sessions covering topics relevant to the youth horse industry. Sessions aimed at the youth attendees include "College and Horses: Making the Best Choice for Your Future" presented by Kathy Anderson of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and a panel discussion on preparing for a career in the horse industry. Presentations that offer take home tools and activities for leaders include "4-H Mounted Games" presented by Bernadine Wiesen of Cornell Cooperative Extension in New York and "Horsin' Around without Horses: Activities for your Horseless Horse Members," presented by Dr. Jenifer Nadeau and Emily McCabe Alger of the University of Connecticut. Important industry issues that will be covered include Animal Identification to be covered by Pat Comerford and Helen McKernan of Penn State University, Pasture Management presented by Bob Mowery, PhD with North Carolina State University and a panel discussion on the important topic of safety in youth horse programs. Tom Lenz, DVM, chair of the Unwanted Horse Coalition, will update attendees on the important and timely topic "The Unwanted Horse".

These are just a few of the highlights, but there are too many great presentations to outline here – a full schedule is available at [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com). A teen leader program, exhibit booths, silent auction, Youth Leaders Celebration Awards Banquet and pre-conference events including a tour of North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine and a day in beautiful Southern Pines, North Carolina round out a fun-filled and educational weekend in North Carolina!

Those wishing to attend the 2008 National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium can register online or download a registration form at [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com). Early bird discounted registration ends January 29, 2008. For more information contact Cindy Schonholtz, AYHC Executive Director, at 719-594-9778 or [info@ayhc.com](mailto:info@ayhc.com).

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