



National Steeplechase Foundation

National Steeplechase Foundation (NSF) Domestic Young Rider Trip

2017 TRIP DATES ARE TENTATIVELY Sunday July 23-Friday July 28

FOR INFORMATION: Contact Regina Welsh, Email: regina@goponyracing.com Tel: (410) 329-3749

APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 1, 2017

The NSF Domestic Young Rider Trip is a 5-day overnight experience. It is structured towards providing the participant with an in-depth experience of what steeplechase racing in the USA is all about. It is for teenagers who are familiar with jump racing and who have a demonstrated interest in learning more about the sport. The ideal candidate will have expressed interest in being involved with steeplechase racing in the future.

Activities include a hands-on visit to trainers' barns in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, attending lectures and discussion sessions with trainers, jockeys, owners and stewards, and attending races at Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, NY.

CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE YOU APPLY:

1. The NSF Domestic Young Rider Trip will travel to Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.
2. The applicant must be 15-18 years old as of July 1, 2017.
3. There will be a \$500 camp fee per person. All lodging and most meals will be covered by the fee.
4. Additional costs: Attendees will be responsible for some meals, snacks and transportation to the location of the start of the Trip and from the last destination of the Trip (details to be provided upon acceptance)
5. Not all applicants may be accepted. Up to 6 applicants, based on ability, experience and overall sportsmanship and horsemanship, will be chosen for the 2017 NSF Domestic Young Rider Trip.
6. Applicants must have previous overnight experience such as school trips, Scout outings, etc.
7. Upon acceptance to participate in the NSF Domestic Young Rider Trip, the attendee must immediately provide 1) proof of health insurance, 2) a waiver signed by a parent or guardian, 3) NSF Young Rider Pact signed by the applicant and a parent/guardian (to be provided upon acceptance), and 4) the \$500 participation fee. Failure to provide any of these requirements by the stipulated date (TBD) will result in cancellation of the applicant's acceptance as an attendee.
8. Attendees will be handling racehorses and steeplechase racing is a dangerous sport.
9. Some but not all attendees may be allowed to ride for trainers based his/her experience and available horses.
10. Each attendee must have and wear paddock boots, a protective vest and an approved helmet when mounted.
11. Contact with family and friends will be limited to specific times of the day and cellphone usage during learning sessions or after 9:30pm will not be permitted unless it is an emergency.



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Trip 2017 APPLICATION FORM – DEADLINE JULY 1, 2017

Applicant is applying for NSF Domestic Young Rider Trip

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Telephone:
4. Date of Birth:
4. Email:
6. Age as of July 1, 2017:

7. Letter of Recommendation #1
 - a. Name of Professional:
 - b. Email:
 - c. Tel:
8. Letter of Recommendation #2
 - a. Name of Professional:
 - b. Email:
 - c. Tel:

9. Contact information for a non-relative who can be contacted to provide a character reference
 - a. Name person:
 - b. Email:
 - c. Tel:

10. In a separate document to be attached to this application form, include a 750-word biographical essay that outlines the applicant's:
 - i. race and/or riding experience and experience with steeplechase racing
 - ii. statement of what he or she wants to accomplish if chosen as a participant

Applicant, please send completed application form and all required documents post-marked no later than July 1, 2017, to:

EMAIL: regina@goponyracing.com or MAIL: NSF, 400 Fair Hill Drive, Elkton, MD 21921

LETTERS OF RECOMMENATION ARE REQUIRED – DEADLINE JULY 1, 2017

Each applicant must have two (2) letters of recommendation from two professionals who have a first-hand familiarity with the applicant's level of ability, work ethic and overall horsemanship. Letters should NOT be from family members.

Letters of Recommendation to be submitted from the Professional directly to the NSF and will not be accepted from the applicant.

Professionals, please send Letters of Recommendation post-marked no later than July 1, 2017, to:

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