

## July 2011 Region 5 Message

Hope everyone is having a great summer so far! My children go back to school August 6<sup>th</sup> so we're packing in the fun as much as we can while we can...

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
  - New award categories are being offered to GMOs in 2012! GMOs can now submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. Please note that the nomination process is also new for 2012. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
  - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
  - Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
  - One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention December 5-8, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The end of the qualifying period is coming for the 2012 NAJYRC Championships as is the period for the USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses and Brentina Cup. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 sponsored events and plan to join us:

- USDF Region 5 Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams – September 15-16, 2012. Parker, Colorado.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – October 5-7, 2012. Heber, Utah.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 19-22, 2013. Parker, Colorado.

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

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