

## July 2014 Region 5 Message

I hope everyone has had a great start to their summer! I know we've been busy up North with final qualifying for NAJYRC and the start of the major show season, but it's now quite warm down south and I hope those of you down there are enjoying some lighter riding at the cooler times of the day. Perhaps all of you are enjoying time with friends and family this summer.

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.
  - GMOs can 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**. 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 2014 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Cambridge, MA. 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 3-7, 2014 in Cambridge, MA.

The end of the qualifying period is coming for the 2014 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 Championships and plan to join us! It will be a fun week.

- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 18-21, 2014. Parker, Colorado.

There are many educational opportunities being held over the next year around our region. Please be sure to double check your local calendars and those of the GMOs and barns just outside your area and take part in one of these wonderful events.

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director