

June 2020 Region 5 Message

Summer is here, but I can't say it is the normal summer we had hoped to see. COVID has really changed our way of life. Hopefully most of you are back to riding your horses if you weren't able to during the quarantine. Shows are starting to get going, but many state and county restrictions are still keeping them a bit sparse in our Region. I hope that everyone is enjoying their time with their families and their animals.

It has been announced that the Regional Championships for 2021 will be back in Santa Fe, New Mexico at HIPICO Santa Fe. The New Mexico Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society will be our gracious hosts.

The 2020 USDF Convention will be December 3-6 in Omaha, Nebraska! Coming visit Region 4 and the home of the 2023 FEI World Cup! The host hotel is right in downtown Omaha and there are many great restaurants and things to do within walking distance.

Sadly, NAYC was cancelled for 2020, but the Junior and Young Rider divisions were expanded for the USEF Festival of Champions so I hope some of our Region 5 kids are able to attend and represent us there. Plans are moving forward for NAYC back in Travers City, Michigan for 2021. Dates will be announced shortly.

In these times, please be sure to read the emails that come out from USDF and USEF on a regular basis. Lots of things change frequently, especially regarding the regulations governing showing, so if you do have intentions of competing this summer, make sure you stay on top of things. Both the USDF and USEF websites also have sections for COVID updates as well.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're happy to get it out and about for you.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

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