

June 2021 Region 5 Message

Summer is here, and we've had such a wet spring, the grass is green and the horses are loving their turnout. We are starting to see things go a little more back to normal in regards to Covid and we are even starting to see each other's faces at horse shows again! I hope that everyone is enjoying their time with their families and their animals this summer and staying healthy.

We are very close to finalizing a facility for 2022 USDF Region 5 Regional Championships and I'm excited for all the help we've received from folks in finding a suitable venue and weekend.

The 2021 USDF Convention will be December 1-4 in Houston, Texas! Coming visit Region 9 and be a part of the governance process and attend some fabulous educational sessions. The host hotel is right in downtown Houston and there are many great restaurants and things to do within walking distance.

As of when I write this, our potential candidates for the 2021 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships August 9-15 in Traverse City, Michigan are going strong and making great qualifying efforts. We have 9 riders who have declared (7 Juniors and 2 Young Riders). If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. This competition is a reasonable distance for us to travel by trailer, which makes things much more feasible, but we still need your help in order to be able to attend.

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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