MCDOWELL 2010 JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

This year's McDowell Junior Horse Show will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the McDowell Saddle Club Show Grounds on Highway 226 South off I-40. A rain date has been set for 1:00 p.m. April 18th. The show is sponsored by the McDowell Agricultural Youth Foundation, United Way, and other McDowell County businesses and organizations. The event will again be open to surrounding counties including; Rutherford, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, and Burke.

This year all entries will receive rosettes for all class placings. All classes will have cash premiums as listed in the included information packet. The Premier Exhibitor award will be presented to the individual who accumulates the most points in the show. (see rules) The Awards Banquet will be held in conjunction with the McDowell Junior Livestock Show on Tuesday, August 10th, 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Community Building. McDowell County exhibitors and their parents will receive complimentary tickets sponsored by the Marion Kiwanis Club. Other out-of-county exhibitors who wish to attend may purchase tickets. Participation in the banquet is not mandatory to receive premiums. Premiums will be mailed to the address on the entry forms. Winnings not claimed within 30 days of awarding will be forfeited.

Enclosed are the rules, list of classes, and premiums for the show. Pre-registration is required and due by April 9. All entries must be complete and entered on an official form. There is no limit to the number of entries allowed. You will find an official entry form enclosed. You may make additional copies as needed. There will be an entry fee of $5 per class for each class entered for all exhibitors. Entries may be added up until 10:00 a.m. for registered participants. Exact change would be appreciated. Make checks payable to: McDowell Agricultural Youth Foundation.

Also, this year we have a Creative Contest open to all participants. There is no fee for this contest. Ages 5-8 may enter a one page drawing of a horse related subject, ages 9-19 may enter a short story and/or poetry on a horse related topic. See the enclosed entry form for additional information. All entries are due with the entry form.

We hope the information provided in this newsletter will help you prepare for this year's show. If you have any questions, or need to check on the show status in case of inclement weather, feel free to call Kathy Norman at 659-2414 or Dixie Matthews at 803-3777. Hope to see you at the show!

We will hold a non-perishable food drive to help support and feed the less fortunate families in McDowell County. We are asking all exhibitors and spectators to bring at least 2 items of non-perishable food as admission to the show. Help us provide for those in need!!