

Area Youth Receive Top Awards at National Saddlebred Conference



11 members from the Tall Tails Youth Club, based at Executive Farms of Grand Blanc, traveled to Lexington, KY for the annual Saddlebred Youth Conference February 19th -21st. All attended a Pizza & DJ Dance party Friday night, and toured world-class Saddlebred training barns around Lexington Saturday. At special breakfast and luncheon ceremonies, they received several individual and club awards, including the *Club of the Year Award*. The Tall Tails Club was also awarded the *Promotions Award*, and the *Educational Activities Award*.

Individual Academy Award Medals: Master Gold to **Alexis Fenger**; Master Silver to **Michaela Kratofil**; Gold to **Carmen Gonzalez**; Silver to **Karleigh Pluta, Cassie Neu, Josie Neu, Emmie Neu, Gianna deSimone**; Bronze to **Camryn Mallery, Drew Mallery, and Camryn Silverton**.

These members swept the **Showmanship in Halter Regional Champions** category: 1st to **Alexis Fenger**; 2nd to **Maggie McElroy**; 3rd (tie) to **Michaela Kratofil and James Damone**; 4th to **Emmie Neu**; 5th to **Nicole Rodriguez**.

Congratulations to all of these hard working youth! Tall Tails Youth Club is based at Executive Farms in Grand Blanc, MI. Members attend monthly meetings to learn about horses. Topics such as health, safety, management and riding are covered. They also attend demonstrations, badge workshops, perform community service by volunteering time at area farms such as rescue farms and therapeutic riding centers. The group also fund raises at local shows, festivals and expos in order to make donations to these and other programs. New members are always welcome and don't need to own a horse!



Academy Award Winners from left to right; Camryn Silverton, Drew Mallery, Camryn Mallery, Michaela Kratofil, Carmen Gonzalez, Maggie McElroy, Alexis Fenger.



Tall Tails Club Award Winners from left to right: Drew Mallery, Michaela Kratofil, MacKenzie Sliper, Camryn Silverton, Nicole Petiprin, Camryn Mallery, Maggie McElroy, Alexis Fenger, Aidan Silverton, Bryauna Kerr.

Highlights from the Saddlebred Youth Conference

Feb 19-21, 2010 • Lexington, Kentucky



Pizza Party & DJ Dance Friday Night



*Swimming Fun
Late Friday Night*



*Saturday Morning
Awards Breakfast*



Saturday morning
 first tour stop:
Teaters Barn
 (Owners/operators of
 Tattersalls Auction)



Second tour stop:
**Conasters' at
 Carriage Lane
 Farms**



Name The Foal Contest:
 all were welcome to enter
 a name in the contest



*Third tour stop:
Nelson Green's Barn
with guest
Merrill Murray*



*Lunch on & Club Awards
at the Historic
Red Mile Racetrack*



*Sunday morning at the
Kentucky Horse Park*

