



# AMERICAN SADDLEBRED INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM

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## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### BADGES

The ASIYP Badge program is offered for use by individuals and groups for a more in depth study of certain aspects of riding, horse care and history.

You do not have to be enrolled in the ASIYP Levels to apply for badges. These badges can be especially useful for clubs or camps to use for riders to earn as a group. The badges are approximately two-inch (2") embroidered patches in bright colors and unique designs, suitable for attaching to a jacket or sweatshirt.

### LETTER

The ASIYP Letter program is now available. This Letter can be earned by completing all three ASIYP Levels, plus a list of other requirements. Riders completing all requirements will receive a custom designed chenille Letter and special recognition.

*For a list of available Badges or requirements for Badges/Letters, please contact: ASIYP, P.O. Box 1764, Aurora, IL 60507-1764; Phone: 630/844-3533*



### ASIYP COMPETITIONS

ASIYP Competitions will be open to any youth currently enrolled in ASIYP, all ASHA Junior members, and any member of an ASHA Youth Club (ASHAYC). The competitions will be conducted in two main categories – Activity Division and Horsemanship Division.

#### Activity Division

The Activity Division consists of several events which will be conducted via mail. Tentative events for this division include: Photography contest; Art contest; Story contest; Video contest; Computer Art contest.

#### Horsemanship Division

The Horsemanship Division consists of six specific events: Showmanship At Halter; Horsemanship; Pattern Riding; Written Test; Judging Classes; Hippology Test.



The Horsemanship events are to be conducted as follows: Each contestant is required to compete in all six events and will receive a numerical score plus award ribbons through sixth place in each event. At the conclusion of the six events, each contestant's score will be totaled. The top ten contestants, based on their total scores, will receive "Top Ten" ribbons. The two highest scoring contestants will be crowned the ASIYP Champion and Reserve Champion and may receive monetary or other valuable prizes.

You are not required to own a horse to compete in this division, but you will need the USE of an American Saddlebred. This division is open to youth who ride any discipline (Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, Western, Dressage) and, because of its "knowledge" classes, offers an equal opportunity to youth of various riding skill levels.

We encourage ASHAYCs, ASHA Charter Clubs, etc. to hold Horsemanship Competitions in their area. They may be held in conjunction with an existing show, Academy show, other event, or as their own special event.

Please contact ASIYP for details and fees. Upon payment of the fee, complete instructions, score sheets, answer sheets, award ribbons, etc. will be provided.

Write or call:  
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The American Saddlebred International Youth Program (ASIYP) is a multilevel program open to any youth 21 years of age and under. It makes no difference where you live as the program is open to youth anywhere in the world.

This brochure will provide you with an outline of what ASIYP has to offer. The educational material included with the various ASIYP Levels has been selected and designed to provide you with general information and interesting and important facts about horses of all

breeds. You will learn about the origin and history of the horse and its importance to man through the years, its uses in the past as well as present, its health and proper care, and much more. As you work your way into the upper levels of the program, you will learn about the American Saddlebred horse in particular.

You are not required to own a horse to participate in ASIYP! If you have never been near a horse, the written materials will give you a head start for the day when you eventually do get to ride. If you already ride, the program will provide you with knowledge that will help you improve your horsemanship and horse management skills. As you satisfactorily complete the various Levels, you will earn certificates and be eligible for special seals.

To get the most from your ASIYP experience, you might wish to join your local American Saddlebred Charter Club or an ASHA Youth Club in your area and enjoy completing the requirements with friends.

This brochure tells about the various Levels and special programs, their requirements and awards. If you are interested in enrolling in ASIYP, complete and return the attached APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN LEVEL I or LEVEL A. Canadian residents please add \$1.00 to all Level fees for additional postage and remit in U.S. funds. Other foreign residents please contact ASIYP for postal rates.

ASIYP was formulated by professional horsemen and is sponsored by ASHA. If you have any questions about the program, please write or phone.

## LEVEL I – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Upon enrollment in Level I, you will receive the items listed below. These publications contain valuable information and many interesting facts. You will receive test questions based on the information contained in these publications.

Upon satisfactorily answering the questions, you will receive a Certificate and a Chevron. Specific rules will be included with the material. Answer 100% correct and you will receive a special seal for your Certificate (also offered in Levels II and III). A <sup>CH</sup>Wing Commander seal can be earned by properly completing these requirements: groom a horse; prepare two feedings; clean a stall; assist in trimming; care for tack (saddle, bridle); cool out; photograph; bandage; measure and lead a horse properly.

Fee for Level I \$15.00

### You will receive:

*Illustrated Horseback Riding for Beginners* – Mellin \$5.00\*  
*Horseman's Workbook* – Huntoon  
*ASHA Brochures*

*The above publications contain the following information: History, Legend, Mythology; Major Breeds and Colors; Anatomy and Definitions; Development of Horsemanship/Riding Styles and Attire; Grooming and Preparation; Uses of the Horse – Then and Now; Tack: Knowledge, Care and Use of; Stable Care/Feeding; Health Care/Safety; Showing and Training; Photography and Art; Braiding; Sidesaddle*

*Test Questions and Worksheets*  
*ASIYP Jacket Patch*

## LEVEL II – READ & RIDE

You must have completed Level I to enroll in Level II. This Level will help you learn about the development of the American Saddlebred, riding and training techniques, barn management, and how to better understand a horse's behavior to improve your riding and handling skills.

Upon meeting requirements for Level II, you will receive a Certificate and a Chevron. The <sup>CH</sup>My-My seal can be earned by performing the following: pick up and hold reins correctly; ride properly at a walk, trot and canter; be able to back your horse; perform a figure eight and a serpentine at a trot and canter, and identify the part of a saddle and bridle.

Fee for Level II \$15.00

\*indicates retail price for books

You will receive:

*Show Your Horse* – Bob Robinson \$12.95\*  
*Understanding Equine Behavior* – Equus \$7.95\*  
*Supplement to Horseman's Workbook* – Huntoon  
*Foundation Breeds of the American Saddlebred*  
*Guidelines & Judging Standards for Showmanship At Halter*  
*Test Questions and Worksheets*

## LEVEL III – PARTICIPATION AND EXPERIENCE

You must complete Level I and II before enrolling in Level III. This Level is designed to encourage participation and experience in all aspects of the horse industry.

You may earn both a Mr. Rhythm and a <sup>CH</sup>Valley View Supreme seal by completing additional requirements.

Upon completion of Level III, you will receive a Certificate, a Chevron and a free one-year special Junior membership to the American Saddlebred Horse Association, which includes a subscription to the *American Saddlebred* magazine.

Fee for Level III \$15.00

You will receive:

*Dictionary of the Horse* – Equus \$7.95\*  
*Supplement to Horseman's Workbook* – Huntoon  
*Skeletal and Muscular Structures; Horse Show Etiquette; Description of Equitation Workouts and Patterns; Proper Show Ring Attire; Show Manager's Guide; Famous American Saddlebreds; Ideal Type of American Saddlebred; Equine Eyes; Genetics of Coat Color; Trail Riding; Parasites; Buying a Horse; Report Requirements*  
*Test Questions and Worksheets*

Earn special seals for your certificates by scoring 100% correct on your tests and by completing additional requirements for Levels I thru III. Details will be sent with each Level.

## LEVEL A

Level A of ASIYP is designed for our younger participants (approximately 6 – 9 years old). It contains information on safety around horses, colors, part of the horse, saddle and bridle parts, etc.; pages of activities including puzzles, mazes, games, coloring pages, dot-to-dot, color by number and more. Lots of fun for our early horse lovers!

**This Level is NOT REQUIRED before Level II!**

Fee for Level A \$10.00

*Please specify Level A on Enrollment Form.*

### Application For Enrollment in Level I or Level A Please check one

Cut off and return with proper fee payable to ASIYP, P. O. Box 1764, Aurora, IL 60507-1764

*Payment in U.S. funds only. Canadian residents please add \$1.00 to all Level fees for additional postage.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in receiving information about American Saddlebred Horse Association Youth Clubs (ASHAYCs) near me.

I already belong to an ASHA Youth Club. Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently involved in activities at any stable?  Yes  No If yes, name and address of stable: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a horse?  Yes  No If yes, what breed? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any horse related organizations?  Yes  No If yes, name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the attached information about the American Saddlebred International Youth Program and understand there will be additional information included with each packet. I agree to abide by all rules for ASIYP as may be established or changed from time to time by ASIYP. I agree to act in an honest and sportmanlike manner when completing all requirements of any Level, Competition or Program. I understand the judging decisions of ASIYP, or anyone they may choose to judge or evaluate tests or other items I submit, are final!

Child's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_