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Dear Young Rider,

The USEA Area II Young Riders Advancement Program is kicking off a new year and we are looking for new members. If you are under 21 years of age, riding at Beginner Novice, Novice, or Training Level, and you would like to be involved in a program that emphasizes a team approach to eventing, please accept our invitation to join Area II YRAP.

The United States Eventing Association (USEA) created the Young Rider Advancement Program (YRAP) in 2001 as a sub-program of the successful Young Riders (YR) program. Young Riders is designed for riders under 21 years of age, competing at the upper levels of eventing. The YR program is focused on the preparation and selection of teams for national and international competitions, such as the North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships.

YRAP is an educational program designed to provide <u>all</u> young riders with educational opportunities from the earliest stages of their eventing careers. Within USEA Area II, the program currently sponsors an intensive week-long summer camp, along with at least two combined YR/YRAP clinics with Area II YR coaches Lauren and David O'Brien. We also offer a YRAP email list, where members can meet and make friends with fellow members. YRAP will sponsor a Team Challenge at the 2007 Pinehurst Horse Trials, and we plan to work with competition organizers to offer YRAP member get-togethers, YRAP "team" stabling under the YRAP banner, and Young Rider course walks with experienced or professional riders.

When you join Area II YRAP you will receive:

- A YRAP ball cap (allowing other members to find you at USEA events!)
- Invitations to YRAP camp and YR/YRAP clinics
- Eligibility for the YRAP Team Challenge at the Pinehurst Horse Trials
- Access to the YRAP email list
- A chance to make new YRAP friends

The YRAP membership form is available on our web page:

http://www.usea2.net/young riders files/yrap/YRAP.htm

The site also contains summer camp and clinic information. If you have any questions about YRAP please contact one of the coordinators below for additional information.

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