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## **Pennsylvania National Horse Show Gets Kids Up Close and Personal on Youth Opportunity Day**

**Harrisburg, PA**—The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is calling all kids for a rare behind-the-scenes opportunity to see what happens at one of the largest indoor horse shows in the country. Youth Opportunity Day, scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, will give kids from ages 5 to 18 the opportunity to tour the horse stalls and arena while seeing how horses are cared for and groomed, the types of equipment used and the people who work on the show and with the horses.

The hour-long tour is included with admission to the show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center and will feature a series of Education Stations that include:

**Care and Feeding of a Horse** – During a tour of the horse stall area, guides will explain different types of bedding and children will learn how horses are groomed and fed.

**Horse Transportation**—Children will see the inside of a horse trailer and also visit the HEART ambulance.

**Horse Hooves**—Weather permitting, children will meet a farrier who will show how horse shoes are applied and explain proper care of a horse's hooves. In the case of inclement weather, children will visit the exercise arena to watch the horses in training.

**Inside the Arena**—Children will see an up-close view of the competitive side of the show, from the jumps to the saddles and bridles used in competition. There will also be speakers on hand to provide information about equine opportunities for youth.

Tours begin with registration in the Cameron Street Lobby and conclude in the North East Hall Court of Shops. All participants will receive a gift bag provided by the United States Equestrian Federation.

In addition, the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club will provide face painting and free pony rides will be available in the expo hall. Registration is required for the hourly tours which begin at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Register by calling Shelly Mix at 717-770-0222 or E-mailing her at [shelly@panational.org](mailto:shelly@panational.org).

The 2011 Pennsylvania National Horse Show will be held October 13 - 22. For more details on show events, competitors and vendors, please visit the show's website [www.PAnational.org](http://www.PAnational.org) or contact the Pennsylvania National Horse Show at 717-770-0222 or by E-mail at [eventinfo@PAnational.org](mailto:eventinfo@PAnational.org).

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Parking is free. General Admission tickets for the first nine days of the show – October 13 – 21 - are \$10 for regular adult admission and \$5 for students and seniors (over 65). Children under 6 are free in General Admission seats.

On Grand Prix Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, adult general admission seats are \$20 and \$10 for students and seniors. Reserved seats for the evening session, which also allows all day admission, are available at \$50, \$40 and \$25. Reserved seats can be purchased by calling the show office, 717-770-0222 on Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Pennsylvania National Horse show is celebrating its 66th year. One of the largest indoor horse shows in the U.S., the event hosts horses and competitors from across the country and spectators from throughout the Mid-Atlantic. The Pennsylvania National Horse Show has donated over \$1.4 million to equine-related charities since its inception in 1945.

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