

Dear PCYCHA members and parents,

2012 is coming up fast and we are making big plans to keep the youth involved in the sport of cutting. We appreciate your membership and plan to provide more fun and educational activities for you to enjoy next year.

The purpose of the Pacific Coast Youth Cutting Horse Association (PCYCHA) is multi-faceted:

- to improve and develop the capabilities of youth in the breeding, raising and showing of cutting horses
- to develop scholarship, leadership, community interest and participation of youth interested in cutting horses
- to encourage moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members
- to allow the youth members to learn about the leadership of the PCCHA by working in conjunction with the PCCHA and NCHA Youth Committees
- to acquaint the youth members with the NCHA and the PCCHA, their structures and functions.

In short, we want to make participating in and learning from the sport of cutting a fun and rewarding experience. We want you to meet other youth members, build friendships, learn skills, compete for awards and have a great time.

A major way to participate in the PCYCHA is to become a member of the Board of Directors. This group of members, elected by the membership in each region, is responsible for drafting and implementing ideas to improve the sport of cutting. This can be done both on or off your horse, inside or outside the show pen.

There are ten director positions available every two years: three from Region One, three from Region Two and four from Region Three. The officers- President, Vice President and Secretary/ Treasurer- will be elected from the Board members. The officers are elected each year. **All ten board members will be elected in 2012.**

**Consider being a director for the PCYCHA!** There are a few simple things you have to do:

- Have a good attitude and want to make the most of cutting
- Attend the directors' meetings- twice a year average
- Have great ideas for fun activities
- Help to organize and run the Youth events
- Sign a Director Consent Form that says you are willing to serve

The PCYCHA organizes several big events during the year. One is the cutting clinic with prominent PCCHA trainers. This takes place during the summer and is located at a different ranch or show each time to make it available to as many youth cutters as possible. The clinic is funded by the youth organization and relies on many sponsors and volunteers to help make it possible.

Another is the college Scholarship Program. The PCCHA has given out approximately \$40,000 each year to its youth members who qualify through competition or scholastic achievement. We are also establishing a new scholarship program starting in 2012 for internships. There are also many team building, social- and competition- based activities throughout the year.

Some of the ideas for fun things during the coming year are watermelon feeds, kick ball tournaments, costume cutting, and more. Some of the ideas for fundraising are bake sale, truck or trailer wash, silent auction at the Trainer's dinner, raffle for a horse or ATV and more. We are also working on a program to help the weekend shows provide less expensive cutting classes for the youth.

We think the best ideas are going to come from you- the Youth- so we are excited to have you involved in the Youth Board of Directors. You will help guide the future of the cutting industry.

You can find more information at [www.PCCHA.com](http://www.PCCHA.com) under the Youth tab.

Thanks again for being an integral part of the PCYCHA. Let's all have a fun 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bob Kaufmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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*If you are interested in becoming a PCYCHA Board Member for 2012, please contact Debbie McGregor at the PCCHA Office: [dmcgregor@pccha.com](mailto:dmcgregor@pccha.com) or by phone: (209) 727-5779 ext 1001*