

John W. (Jack) Sims Youth Challenge



Purpose: Create an ongoing program, known as the John W. (Jack) Sims Youth Challenge that will encourage youth involvement with Crabbet Arabian horses and reward them for their accomplishments.

Theme: The theme for this years Challenge is **“How I enjoy a Crabbet Arabian”**.

Requirements: Open to any youth up to age 18 - the youth must have an adult mentor who is an ECAHS member. Any youth, who wishes to participate but does not know or have an ECAHS mentor, may contact the Challenge Committee and the Committee will assist the youth in finding an appropriate mentor.

Youth participants must develop a project plan, in writing, which they will submit to the John W. (Jack) Sims Youth Challenge Committee. The project must be age appropriate and include:

1. A Crabbet element or connection that will increase his/her knowledge of and interaction with Crabbet Arabians* and/or in some manner, impact and benefit the promotion and preservation of the Crabbet horse
2. A description of the project and the reason it was selected.
3. A project objective, how they plan to conduct the project and how they plan to use their experience with the project in the future to continue their involvement with Crabbet Arabians and ECAHS.

The project can entail research and a paper, documenting some task or objective involving people and/or horse(s), or some combination of both, the participant is only limited by his or her imagination (and may include the use of any medium, i.e., PowerPoint presentations, video, audio tapes, posters). The execution of the project plan must require a minimum of 30 hours effort on the part of the youth to complete. The project may involve the efforts and actions of other people, but the youth applicant must be the project director. The mentor for each youth should ensure that the plan is carried out as defined, but may not actually perform the activities required to complete the project.

The Youth Challenge Committee will review all submitted projects and may offer changes or suggestions. If the project is accepted by the Youth Challenge Committee, the youth will be awarded a one year youth membership in ECAHS and will have four (4) months in which to complete the project and submit a final report to the Youth Challenge Committee.

Included in the final report, the youth will be asked to state whether this project stimulated their continued interest and what they would like to accomplish next in their relationship with Crabbet horses. This statement will help the Youth Challenge Committee determine the nature of the award that would enable the winner or winners to keep pursuing their horse related dreams or goals.

Mentors are also required to participate with a written report on the level of commitment and quality of effort by the participant.

If the Youth Challenge Committee finds that the youth has satisfactorily completed their project, the youth will be awarded a completion prize appropriate to the youth and their project. If the Committee finds that the completion is lacking in some element they may encourage additional work or modification, and resubmission of the results.

All projects completed by July 31 of each calendar year will be divided between Juniors (ages 12 and Under) and Seniors (ages 13 through 19). Within each age group, the projects will be collectively evaluated on its merit, and the winning project in each group, will be awarded the John W. (Jack) Sims Youth Challenge Junior/Senior Award for that calendar year, with the awards to be presented at the following Crabbet Celebration. The winners will also receive an additional prize appropriate to the project with a value of at least \$100**.

Two or more youth may enter a single project jointly, but the project will be judged based on its merit and not the number of youth participating, as a single project. The participants will choose which division, either Junior or Senior, the project will be placed in. Completion prizes will also be based on the project.

Timeline: Entries for 2008-2009 must be submitted to the Youth Challenge Committee no later than **March 31, 2009**. The Youth Challenge Committee will review and approve projects no later than **April 15, 2009**.

All projects must be completed and submitted to the Youth Challenge Committee no later than July 31, 2009.

Entries should be mailed to: Vivian Mack, 22371 Courthouse Road, Yale, VA 23897

*You **do not** have to own a horse to participate.

**Award amount ranges to be determined annually, based on available funding.

Note: The definition of a Crabbet horse may be found at www.ecahs.org/ using the navigation menu on the left, click on Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society, About us, Crabbet Definition; by contacting any Youth Challenge Committee member; or in the Membership Directory.

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John W. (Jack) Sims Youth Challenge Entry Form 2008-2009



Instructions: Projects do not have to be written in detail on the entry form, an outline or general description is all that is needed. Entries will be judged on objectives met, creativity, documentation, Crabbet element, ECAHS element and individual interviews.

Examples of projects may include (1) Training a weanling/yearling, (2) Learning horsemanship (care, safety, riding), (3) Researching pedigrees, learning to certify Crabbet Arabian percentages, (4) Creating a pictorial of a horse detailing the parts of a horse, etc. To look at actual projects submitted, please see www.ecahs.org and look for Youth Challenge information on the right hand side of the page.

Deadline for entries: **March 31, 2009**

Project Due Date: **July 31, 2009**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone No: _____ **Age:** _____

Email Address: _____

Mentor: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

***Attach additional sheets of paper if required.**

Project Name: _____

Project Objective: _____

Baseline of Knowledge:
(To be completed by
Mentor)
i.e. level of knowledge and
prior experience with horses

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Report Form – To be used by ALL participants.

The following is the minimum required outline for the project:

Theme: How I enjoy a Crabbet Arabian

- 1) Introduction: I chose this project because...
- 2) Documentation of project (body of project):
 - a. Give dates
 - b. Hours spent
 - c. Lessons learned
 - d. These topics are a minimum requirement but do not limit you from adding additional information if you wish.
- 3) Conclusion of project
 - a. Explain how this project improved the participant's knowledge of Crabbet Arabians
 - b. List all references. References may include people, books, magazines, or other sources.

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Survey

We would like you to complete the following survey to help us continue to improve the Jack Sims Youth Challenge!

- 1) Did the participant find satisfaction learning from the ECAHS Mentor?**
- 2) How can ECAHS help you continue acquiring knowledge about Crabbet Arabians?**