



Welcome to *South Region*
Pony Club
Where it all begins



What is South Region Youth Board (SRYB)?

The primary mission of the SRYB is to grow members as leaders, increase communication between the Region and local clubs, expand regional activities, and raise money for regional events. We have conference calls, in person meetings and at least 2 retreats a year. SRYB Members will work together as a team to come up with ideas for helping the Region, ensure it is meeting the Region's needs (by communicating with the Region officers) and communicate these things back to their DC's and club members. SRYB typically hosts and organizes the Standards & Ratings/Bud Hawley clinic in the fall which provides a great opportunity for learning how to organize an event. Members make life long friends and are likely to become more committed to Pony Club and mentoring younger members of their club.

Benefits of Being on SRYB

- Learn teamwork and leadership skills outside the club setting
- Learn how to organize an event
- Meet people from other clubs in s the Region
- Great to have on your college applications/resumes
- Come up with ideas to make improvements to the Region/Club activities in our area
- Represent your club and take back communications to share with your club members
- Be seen as a leader/mentor within your club
- Prepare yourself for the possibility of serving on the National Youth Board one day

Who is Qualified to be on the SRYB?

- Each club should be represented by 2 members. For clubs that do not have "eligible members" yet, don't worry, we will have a SRYB Member assigned to you until you do.
- Members should be at least 12 years old, in good standing and a D3 (Traditional)
- Members should be willing and able to participate in conference calls. For calls

that have to be missed, someone else from the club should be arranged to participate in their absence. There are 4 regular conference calls throughout the year and more frequent calls when planning an event.

- Members should be willing and able to participate in the face to face meetings held throughout the year. There are typically 2 weekend retreats, one over EBTH/Quiz Weekend and one in the Summer, and 2 additional meetings planned in coordination with other region events.
- Willing to commit to a 2 year term. The term is 2 years but there is no limit on how many times a member can be renewed.
- Willing to work with Region and Club Leaders on implementing new ideas or organizing events and volunteering as needed
- Willingness to make new friends, have fun and make the South Region the best it can be!

How Does a Club/DC/CA Benefit from SRYB?

- You will be helping to further develop leadership skills in someone that you can then utilize in your lower member training & activities
- You will have someone that is working with representatives from other clubs and can bring back ideas of what is working or not working well for them
- You will have someone you can share ideas with to take back to SRYB and/or the Region
- You will be helping to mentor someone that is likely to stay in Pony Club longer, help grow your club & mentor the younger members of your club and may even grow up to be a DC his or herself one day

What is the Club/DC Role in SRYB?

- DC/CA's should give your SRYB representatives an opportunity to speak at your club meetings to share what they've learned or any announcements they need to make
- DC/CA's should join the SRYB conference calls when possible, will give you a better idea as to what is all about
- DC/CA's should meet with their SRYB representative(s) on a regular basis to ask about what SRYB is working on and if they need any support from you
- DC/CA's should make sure their club knows who their SRYB representatives are and give recognition to the person fulfilling this role to show the importance of it which helps other members see this person as a mentor and leader in their club

How do I Apply?

If you are a qualified applicant, please discuss your interest with your DC/CA. If they are in agreement, complete the SRYB Application and turn it in to the SRYB Advisor or SRYB Chairman for consideration. Applications are taken by September 1st each year and selections are made by October 15th for the following year.