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Dear School Administrator,

On October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Equestrian Development Association (YEDA) is holding a National Qualifying equestrian competition at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

YEDA is a national equestrian organization in which riders in the 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade compete to earn scholarship money, meet college recruiters, and earn a trip to YEDA Nationals. The All-American Quarter Horse Congress is the largest single breed horse show in the world, with many educational opportunities and activities available for attendees. The sport of equestrian riding is now a recognized sport of the NCAA and many riders are earning full ride scholarships from their accomplishments in YEDA.

This event at the Congress is one of the largest YEDA events of the season with riders attending from over a dozen states. The riders competing here will be earning scholarship dollars and getting a chance to showcase their skills to the numerous college recruiters who are in attendance. The competitors will also have time to visit the many educational opportunities happening at the Congress.

We would appreciate your understanding in allowing excused absences for the riders competing at this event. If you would like to learn more about YEDA please visit our website at [showyeda.com](http://showyeda.com). To learn more about The All-American Quarter Horse Congress please visit [quarterhorsecongress.com](http://quarterhorsecongress.com). If you have questions, you are welcome to contact me.

Sincerely,

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