

Being A Youth Leader

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader” - John Quincy Adams

NAVHDA isn't just for grownups. NAVHDA is for everyone, including youth like us. NAVHDA is a place for us to dream big dreams. NAVHDA is a place where we can learn. NAVHDA is a place where we can do more and become more. NAVHDA is a place where we can be leaders of something great. I am one of the youth leaders in my chapter and you can be one in yours too.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter youth decided to create a youth advisory board at our 2020 Chapter Annual Meeting. We elected officers and discussed safety as it pertains to our activities, making the “fort” better, supporting the youth testing dogs this year, and our role at the tests as the judge stewards. Being judge stewards takes a lot of work. Each youth is assigned a judge for the test and it is their responsibility to take care of them. We make sure they drink enough water and eat enough snacks by bribing them with chocolate and candy. We also make sure that all the youth are included and having a good time so they will want to come back. That is something important so that more youth will want to join NAVHDA and be a part of all the fun and awesome activities.

The youth of the Rocky Mountain NAVHDA Chapter would like you to become a better dog trainer with us. Our chapter has fun youth challenges throughout the year to help us progress with the training of our dogs. We learn a new skill each month like how to keep our dog's focus, sit stays with distractions, and obedience tasks like downs and recalls. Then we play a fun game to show off our new skills like Red Light/Green Light, Musical Placeboards, Tennis Ball & Spoon Relay, Timed Obedience Obstacle Course and Leapfrog Race.



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It's great to have the whole chapter cheering us on as we showcase our dog handling skills.

As youth, we can do more than stay at home while there is a NAVHDA training day, clinic or test being held. We can help train our own dogs and lend a hand to the rest of our chapters to be much more than what they already are. There is so much fun to be had in the field like dizzying chukar, flinging ducks, socializing puppies and helping set out supplies. Not only that, we get to watch some really great dogs work and develop our eyes for when it's our turn in the field. All we have to do is be willing to jump in and lend a hand. NAVHDA connects youth from all over the country with one common interest—the love of hunting dogs and the love of being in the outdoors. It is inspiring to read about NAVHDA youth across the country sharing their experiences, their chapter activities and special events that grow NAVHDA youth into incredible leaders for the future. We can be leaders of something great. We can share our wisdom with the world. We can become more than who we are. NAVHDA changes lives, our lives, our chapter's lives. We can be the start to something new, amazing, and awesome! 🐾



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