



## 2026 Wyoming Downs Youth Racing Days Itinerary Evanston, Wyoming

### Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **3:00 - 5:00 PM**

Please report to the Racing Office at Wyoming Downs to complete your licensing process. This step is essential for gaining access to restricted areas of the racetrack. Once licensed, you will be escorted to your trainer's barn, depending on your arrival time.

#### **3:00 - 9:00 PM**

Hotel check-in is available during this time. Reservations have been made for you under the name *Judy Horton / Youth Racing*. Accommodations are at the Days Inn.

#### **5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Meet at the Racing Office for a Q&A session. Following that, we hope to host a Pizza Party for trainers and officials. During this time, introductions will be made and, if available, officials will provide a brief overview of their roles.

### Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **6:00 - 7:00 AM**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then depart for the track. Upon arrival, report directly to your trainer and assist as needed.

#### **10:30 AM**

Meet at the Racing Office for a briefing on the day's events. You will be introduced to the Racing Officials working the race meet and will have the opportunity to observe them in their professional roles. Following the briefing, we'll tour key areas of the Wyoming Downs backside, including the Test Barn, Saddling Paddock, Jockey's Room, and Tote Room. After the walkthrough, you may return to your trainer.

#### **Afternoon**

Trial races will be held today, with **post time at 3:00 PM**. After the races we will go to supper before returning to the hotel.

## Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

### 6:00 - 7:00 AM

Eat breakfast at the hotel, then head to the track. You are welcome to assist your trainer with any tasks they need help with throughout the morning.

### 1:05 PM

Races begin. Please be at the **Winner's Circle** following the race - you'll be included in the photo for this special event.

At some point today or Sunday, you'll also be taken up to the **Steward's Stand** for an inside look at race operations. If you prefer to simply observe the races, that's perfectly fine. Reserved seating is available for you in **Clockers Corner**.

### Lunch

Lunch will be provided at the **Grandstand Concessions**, courtesy of **Wyoming Downs**.

### Evening

Once all responsibilities at the barn are completed - approximately around 7:00 PM - you will return to the hotel.

## Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

### 6:00 AM

Breakfast at the hotel.

### 7:00 AM

Report to your trainer's barn to begin the day.

### 10:30 AM

Optional church service will be held at the Track Kitchen for those who wish to attend.

You are welcome to spend the day assisting your trainer or watching the races. You may depart when needed, but please be sure to notify me (Judy Horton) prior to leaving.

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### Lodging Information


Accommodations have been arranged at the **Days Inn**. You will most likely be sharing a room with another participant. Please pack appropriate attire:

- **Work clothes** for Thursday through Sunday to wear while working around horses.
  - **Neat, presentable clothing** for attending the races - you may be included in Winner's Circle photos.
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### **Additional Notes**

Wyoming Downs proudly sponsors the Youth Racing Program. As a courtesy, we ask that you send a thank-you message following the event.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me:

 **Call/Text:** 307-331-0747

 **Email:** judy.horton.wyo@outlook.com

I'll also be sharing details with you about the **2026 AQHYA National Youth Racing Championship Experience**, to be held October 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at The Downs in Albuquerque, NM. This is an **all-expenses-paid trip** sponsored by **AQHA** for qualifying participants.

Thank you,

Judy Horton  
Public Relations/Event Coordinator  
AQHQ Director Emeritus  
Wyoming Downs Racetrack