



# Great Lakes Region Pony Club

MAY 2024  
NEWSLETTER

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2024 Defender Kentucky 3  
Day Event 5\* Winner  
Oliver Townend (Pony Club Alumni)*

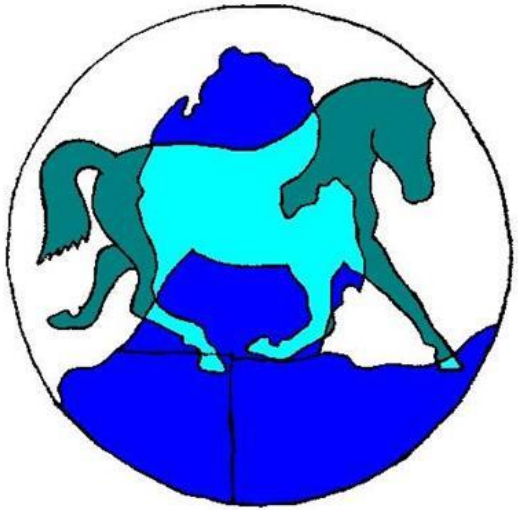


*May the Show  
Season Begin!*

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# Great Lakes Region Membership As of May 2, 2024



## Clubs & Centers = 131 Members

Central Michigan: 2

Foxwood: 9

Grand River: 9

Highland Hills: 5

Huron Valley: 19

Kalamazoo Valley II: 5

Metamora Hunt II: 7

Orchard Hill: 2

Pierport: 8

Rose Lake: 6

Silver Snaffles: 12

Traverse Bay: 30

Cedar Ridge: 6

K. Colfer Sporthorses: 11

# JLC Spring Camp 2024

The Junior Leadership Council (JLC) is excited to host their Spring camp this weekend at Cedar Creek Crossings in Kingsley, Michigan.

We cannot wait to hear about all the exciting activities they have planned for all levels. If you missed the Spring camp, rumor has it they will be offering a Fall camp...details to follow.



2023 JLC Camp @ Cedar Creek Crossings

# Festival Championships Intention Form

Intention forms were due May 1st at the discounted price of \$25. Intention forms can be turned in up until June 23rd, however it will cost \$50. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Page. Email:

[lori.page09@gmail.com](mailto:lori.page09@gmail.com) Phone: 734-724-9867

**GLRPC INTENTION FORMS FINAL DEADLINE IS**

**JUNE 23rd! COST \$50**

**Link to Form: [Champs Intention Form](#)**



# USPC Festival Championships Registration

The official USPC registration for Festival Championships was pushed to May 6th.

## USPC REGISTRATION DATES

**Opening Date:** Monday, May 6, 2024

**Closing Date:** June 24, 2024 (This is the day after Mega Rally)

**Qualification Period:** April 1, 2023 - June 23, 2024

Link to Championships on USPC website. You will need to be logged in: [Festival Championships](#)



# USPC Festival Education Entries

Festival Education entries are separate from Championship entries. You can participate in Festival Education WITHOUT participating in Champs. Please visit the USPC website for full details!



## Festival Education

### Mounted Education

Open to any member at a D-2 riding certification level and above who are at least 10 years old. Members that register for mounted education can choose from 2 mounted clinics a day taught by top U.S. equestrians. Includes unlimited unmounted educational opportunities.




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### Unmounted Education


Participants of any age or certification level may register for unmounted education covering information from the D level to the H-A level (however, at least 8 years old is recommended). Participants will have unlimited access to all unmounted education and may audit mounted clinics.




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### D Camp

Pony Club members up to the D-2 level between the ages of 6 and 12 who are NOT qualified for Championships will learn basic riding skills, play games, work towards their next certification, and have lots of fun!

## Important Dates

Education Open Date	May 1, 2024
Education Close Date	July 8, 2024 at noon Eastern Time

**Mounted clinics are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Enter early!**



## Entry Fees

	Mounted Education <i>Includes 4 mounted clinics and unlimited unmounted education</i>	Unmounted Education <i>Includes unlimited workshops and auditing of mounted clinics</i>	D-Camp <i>Includes 5 mounted small group lessons and unmounted instruction</i>
Pony Club Participating Members	\$430	\$245	\$360
Non-Members	\$450	\$265	n/a
Stabling	\$120	n/a	\$120
USPC Parents & Leaders	n/a	\$130 (3 days) \$95 Day Pass	n/a

# Reminder: Hunter's Run Derby

HUNTERS RUN FARM LTD



*REMINDER: The following clubs have committed to working the Hunter's Run Derby in May. This has been communicated with Dave Emmons and he will be counting on you to show up! In return, your club will be earning money for volunteering. THANK YOU! If you are available to help in July, let me know!*

**May 12th - HHPC (1) FWPC (3) HVPC (4) RLPC (3)**

**DATE CORRECTION!** **July 21st** - If there are families not going to Festival and can help at this amazing event, please let me know ASAP! I posted the wrong date in our RC spring meeting minutes!



# Upper Level Clinic/Testing/Camp with Cherie Gaebel!

**DATE:** May 25,26,27 - Memorial Day Weekend  
**START TIME:** Saturday at 2pm; most will haul in on Saturday but Friday is an option if needed.  
**LOCATION:** Fjern Fields - Pierport Pony Club - Manistee MI  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Cherie Gaebel - USPC National Examiner  
**WHO:** D3 & above members  
**CLOSING DATE:** May 15th

## Options:

- D3 - C2 testing
- Longing learning & practice
- Dressage & SJ rally preparation
- Clinic rides
- Prep for your next testing
- Unmounted instruction
- Beach time
- Come for the entire weekend or just a day

Questions? **Contact Kerry McKinley**

**GLR RIC - Regional Instruction Coordinator**

**616-581-1457**



Sign Up Here:

[Memorial Day Upper Level Clinic](#)



# Mega Rally 2024

**Q&A Virtual Meetings: May 6th & June 3rd!**

**When:** June 22nd & June 23rd

**Haul In:** June 21st

**Where:** Wyn Farms - 3100 Noble Rd - Williamston, Mi 48895

**Disciplines:** Show Jumping, Dressage, Western Dressage (no longer offering Tet)

This will be a qualifying rally for Champs! Amy Fidler sent all members an email with the Mega Rally Packet and additional information. If you did not receive it, you can find it below.

**Click Here: [Teams Meeting Link for Q&A Virtual Meeting](#)**

**Click Here: [Mega Rally Packet](#)**

**Click Here: [Mega Rally Wufoo Sign Up](#)**

# Save the Date! Quiz 2025

When: March 8, 2025

Where: Great Wolf Lodge - Traverse City, MI

Theme: The Kentucky Derby!



# Mark Your Calendar

## Upcoming Events

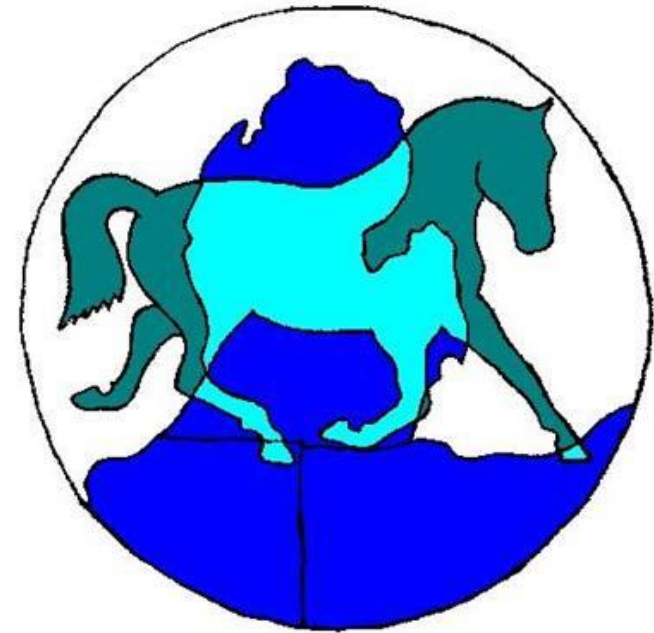
- May 6 - GLR Mega Rally Q&A Virtual Meeting for EVERYONE @ 7:30PM
- May 25-27 - UL Clinic/Mini Camp D3 and Above, Rally Prep, C Testing and Longing @ Fjern Fields - Manistee, Mi
- May 31 - Mega Rally Registration Deadline
- June 3 - GLR Mega Rally Q&A Virtual Meeting for EVERYONE @ 7:30PM
- June 22-23 - Mega Rally @ Wyn Farm - Williamston, Mi
- June 23 - LAST DAY for Champs Intention Forms
- June 24 - USPC Champs Entry Forms DUE to USPC by NOON
- July 1 - GLR Champs Q&A Virtual Meeting for EVERYONE @ 7:30PM
- July 3 - USPC Festival Education Entries Due
- July 15-22 - USPC Festival Championships @ Kentucky Horse Park

# More Updates Coming Soon...

- More Mega Rally Information
- More Champs & Festival Information
- Updates to the Calendar

Please contact me for more information or questions!

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**January 22-26, 2025**

# *In case you didn't know, Convention is coming to Northern Michigan in 2025!*

**The United States Pony Club Convention will be held in Traverse City, Michigan at the Grand Traverse Resort!**

**Dates: January 22-26, 2025**

MANY, MANY, MANY, volunteers will be needed for this HUGE event! Stay tuned for more information!

If you would like to be part of planning committee for the 2025 USPC Convention, please contact Wendy Willford ([regionalliaison@glrponyclub.org](mailto:regionalliaison@glrponyclub.org)) or Kerry McKinley ([ric@glrponyclub.org](mailto:ric@glrponyclub.org))

# The Leadership Team



***As always, we are here to help.  
Reach out to us if you have any  
questions or concerns.***

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