Great Lakes Region Quiz Rally 2026

Location: 3575 US 31 – Traverse City, MI

Remember the GWL is a CASHLESS hotel!

Hotel Discount Code = 2603USPO

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GLRPC Quiz Rally 2026 – Discount Code Open!

- **Theme:** Gallop Around the World

- **When:** Saturday, March 7th (spring council meeting to follow on March 8th)

- **Where:** Great Wolf Lodge - Traverse City, Michigan

- **Highlights:** Ribbons for everyone, dance party, art contest, costume/team theme contest, silent auction and more!

- Reserve a room NOW! Discount Code = 2603USPO

Schedule of Events – March 7th

Below is a tentative schedule of events, which is subject to change. A final schedule complete with maps of the GWL, will be available at Quiz. **THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

7:45am – Team check-in opens in the ballroom

8:15am – Opening ceremony in the main ballroom

9:45am-11:45am – Phases

11:45–12:35 Lunch

12:45-3:45 – Phases continue

4:30-7:00 – Dinner on own and waterpark

7:00 – Doors open for awards ceremony

7:25 – Silent auction ends

7:30 – Awards ceremony begins

Dance to follow
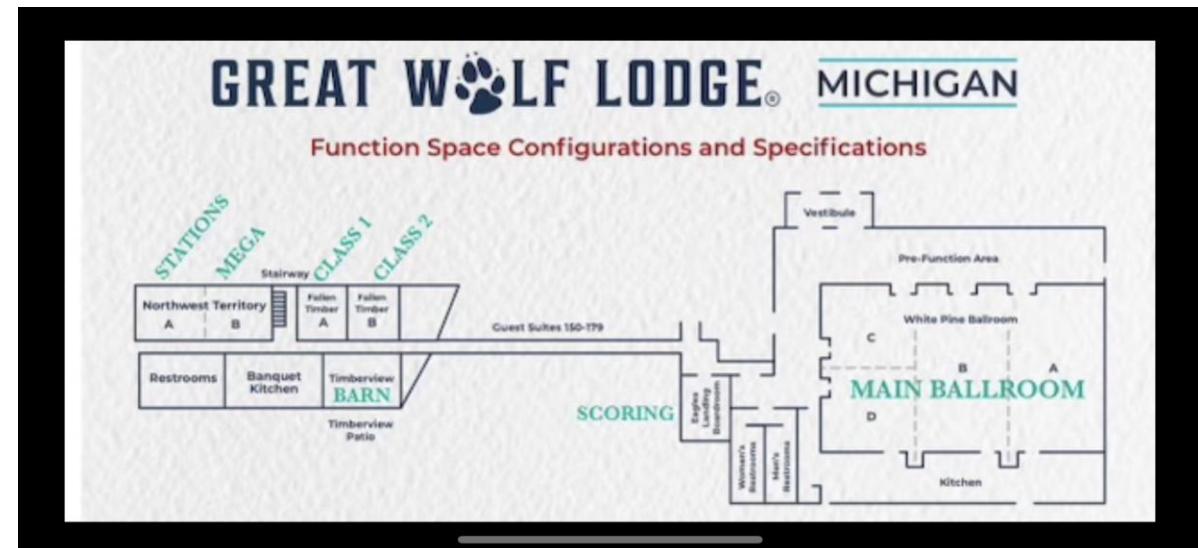
2026 Rulebook

We will be using the 2026 Rulebook for Quiz Rally. Make sure you familiarize yourself with the rules. Below is a link to the 2026 rulebook. The 2026 newsletter is not available yet. (copy & paste into browser)

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Phases of Quiz

1. **Classroom** - Q&A session done verbally with your team and a judge. Members will go one at a time and answer questions on their own. Novice D members can "confer" with their team members for half the points if they do not know the answer. This is only for NOVICE D teams, and it will not be allowed at Champs.
2. **Barn** - Members identify items found in a barn including parts of a horse, saddle, bridle, equipment used on a horse, etc. It could also include stall type scenarios such as hanging a feed bag or water bucket properly. There will be a "team" question/s in which members work together to answer questions.
3. **Stations** - In this room, members will work as a team to complete timed tasks such as organizing rally kits, assembling a bridle, identifying various equipment, working through different scenarios, etc.
4. **Mega Room** - In this room, members rotate stations on their own identifying items such as farrier tools, bits, horse colors, horse breeds, cross-country jumps, martingales, horse boots, horse feed, etc. Every year is different. There will be 5 tables to rotate through.
5. **Written Exam** - Members take a short paper/pencil exam with various questions. Members that need a reader will be provided one. There are multiple choice, true/false and fill in the blank questions. These tests come directly from the national office and are kept confidential.

Studying for Quiz Rally

What if this is my first Quiz?

First and foremost, you cannot learn everything overnight! You cannot learn everything in a month! Regardless if this is your first Quiz or your 10th, take a deep breath, this is meant to be a FUN, learning experience.

How do I study?

A fabulous place to start is the USPC website. Study materials can be found on the Pony Club IQ page, under the education heading on the front page of their website. You must be logged in to have access to this material. You will find tons of material to study here! Another great way to study, is to purchase flash cards from the USPC website. There are cards for every HM level. Questions are on the front and answers on the back.

Bonus Study Materials: Below is a link that will take you to the Shore Riders Pony Club website that put A LOT of thought and work into creating question/answer sheets for you to study. You DO NOT need to study everything. Start small and study just a few things at a time. Every Quiz is different...some materials are there and some are not. It changes year to year. Copy & Paste: https://shoreriders.ponyclub.org/pages/758.aspx

Next year, be sure take advantage of our Mock Quiz hosted by Grand River Pony Club! Click here for information.

As always, refer to the 2026 Rulebook and your manuals for complete and accurate information.

Mock Quiz!

![Pony Club logo — Where it all begins]

Attention all Unrated and D Level Pony Club Members

Save the Date!
Saturday, February 21, 2026

**2026 Great Lakes Region Pony Club
Mock Quiz Rally
to Practice for the
Official Quiz Rally in March!**

The Grand River Pony Club is excited to be the new host for the Great Lakes Region Mock Quiz Rally. Metamora Hunt II will be a tough act to follow, but we are working to provide a mock quiz experience to get your unrated and D Level Pony Club Members energized and ready for the Official Quiz Rally in Traverse City on March 7!

The Mock Quiz Rally will be held at:

The Fairway of Kent County (on the grounds of The Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan)
13955 Cascade Road SE
Lowell MI 49331

So, mark your calendars and look for details and registration materials coming soon.

Team Themes

We are bringing back "Team Themes"!

What???
Yes! Make this year super fun by dressing your team in a theme. This is NOT required, but encouraged. This year's Quiz theme is Gallop Around the World.

How?
Some teams go as simple as wearing the same silly socks, hats, headbands, etc. Others go all out, head to toe! Remember, your pinny must be visible at all times and you must wear your medical armband or bracelet as well as your USPC pin.

Will there be prizes?
YES! There will be a secret panel of judges looking for some of the most creative themes this year. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team winners!

HAVE FUN!!!!

Art Contest

Did you know that we have an Art Contest at our Quiz Rally? Please consider bringing some art! Contact Amy Fidler with questions: 419-410-9117 or secretary@glrponyclub.com

GOAL: To encourage members to express themselves through art, writing & use of technology to create art.
 All submissions should be horse related.

OBJECTIVES
- Share any medium of equine-related art and poetry with members & friends of the GLR.
- *Best In Category* awarded to one piece in each category for each age group.

HOW TO ENTER
- Bring your art/poetry to the main Pony Club gathering room (Ball Room) before 9am at Quiz Rally.
- Label the **BACK** of your piece(s) with name, age, pony club and category.
- Digital Art **:** Bring printout, and if a video, also include a link to the video.

AGE GROUPS
- **Senior** 18+ years old
- **Junior** 12-17 years old
- **Novice** 11 years and under

CATEGORIES
- 2-D (painting, drawing, printmaking, other)
- 3-D (sculpture, ceramic, metal, other)
- Mixed Media (crafts, collage, other)
- Digital (photography, video, animation)
- Poetry (any type)

GUIDELINES
Enter more than one piece of art, however only one piece from any single medium— such as oil painting, charcoal drawing, watercolor, or digital. Craft items can be homemade or craft kits. Any style of poetry is acceptable and can be mixed with art. More than one entry of poetry can be submitted.

Judges will be selected from volunteer adults attending Quiz Rally who have knowledge related to art.

Winners and prizes to be announced at Quiz awards; Pick up art/poetry/digital prints at Quiz awards.

Volunteers

Rallies would not be possible without volunteers. Thank you for signing up to be a volunteer. Some volunteers will be used all day. Others will only be used for part of the day and some will be "on call".

Volunteer assignments will come out at the beginning of March. Keep an eye on your email. All volunteers must report to the volunteer table outside of the ballroom before 8:15am to get your ID badge.

Club Photos

Each year we showcase club photos on our jumbo screen in the main ballroom. Please have someone from your club send 1-3 photos of your club to our Junior Leadership Council President, Carolyn Wolf. She will be creating our slideshow again this year.

Send to: carolynjeanne.wolf10@gmail.com

Silent Auction
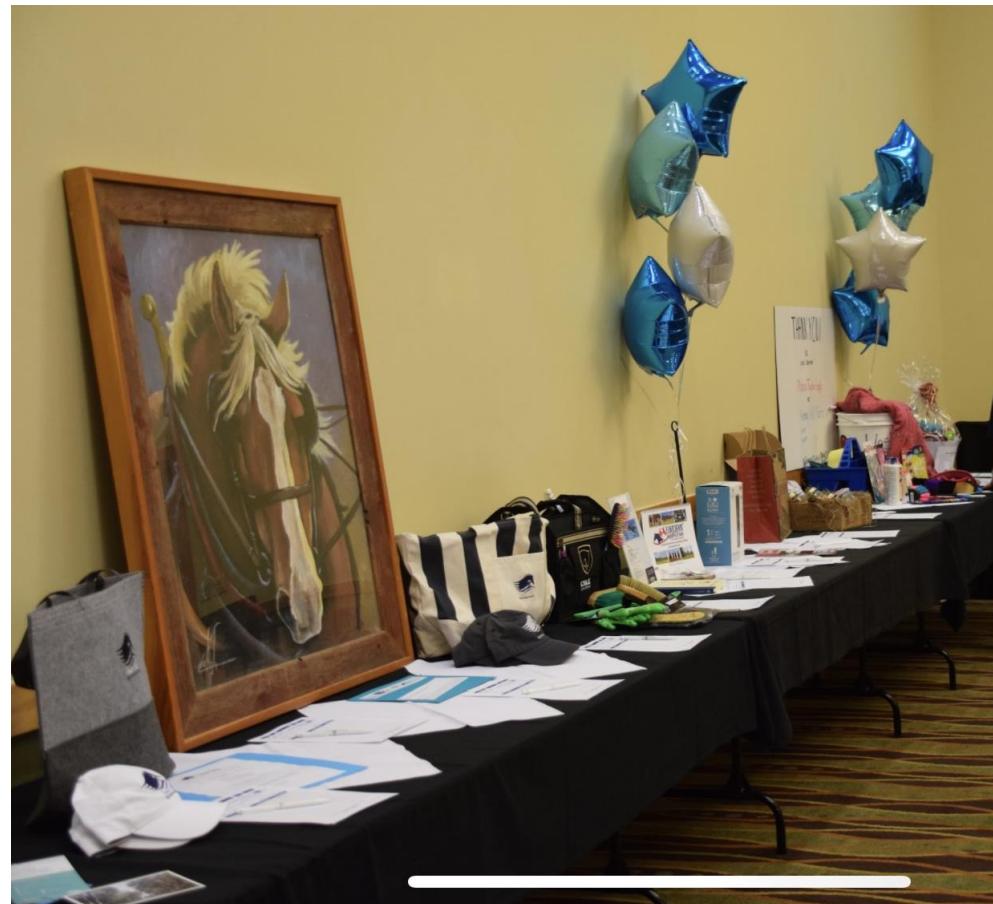
- Every club is responsible for bringing a "basket" for our silent auction. Sign up early to get your first pick! (copy & paste into your browser)

- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA5A82DA1F9C25-61437984-2026

- Feel free to bring other items in addition to your club basket. This is a fundraiser for the region. Don't be afraid to ask your local businesses for help. Their donations are tax deductible and we will send them a letter for their taxes.

- At the end of the auction, Kim Grossman (GLR Treasurer) or Melynda Ziehm will collect payment. Please do not take your item until they have been paid for. We can take cash, checks or PayPal.

Awards Ceremony, Dance & JLC Fundraiser

Attire for Awards Ceremony and Dance
It is not required to dress up, but sometimes it's nice to feel fancy. In previous years, members have worn dresses and dress pants. It is a good opportunity to take a club photo!

Awards
The awards ceremony will take place in the main ballroom at approximately 7:30pm on Saturday. At the conclusion of the awards, we will gather everyone for a photo.

Door Prizes
Thanks to our generous donor Square Deal Country Store, we will have door prizes again this year!

Dance
Our Junior Leadership Council will host our afterparty dance this year! It will last about 1-1.5 hours directly following the awards ceremony and photos. Thank you JLC!

Horse Treat Bar – JLC Fundraiser
Our JLC will have a horse treat bar for members to create their own jar full of treats for their favorite pony. More information about this to come! There will be a cost - cash, checks and PayPal will be accepted.

How Do I Sign Up for Quiz Rally?

See your DC or Joint DC for information! They have all the information on how to sign up for this year's Quiz Rally!

Attached is the official 2026 Quiz Rally Packet for you to look at, but please check with your DC for official information on how to sign up!

[2026 Quiz Rally Packet](#)