



Great Lakes Region Pony Club

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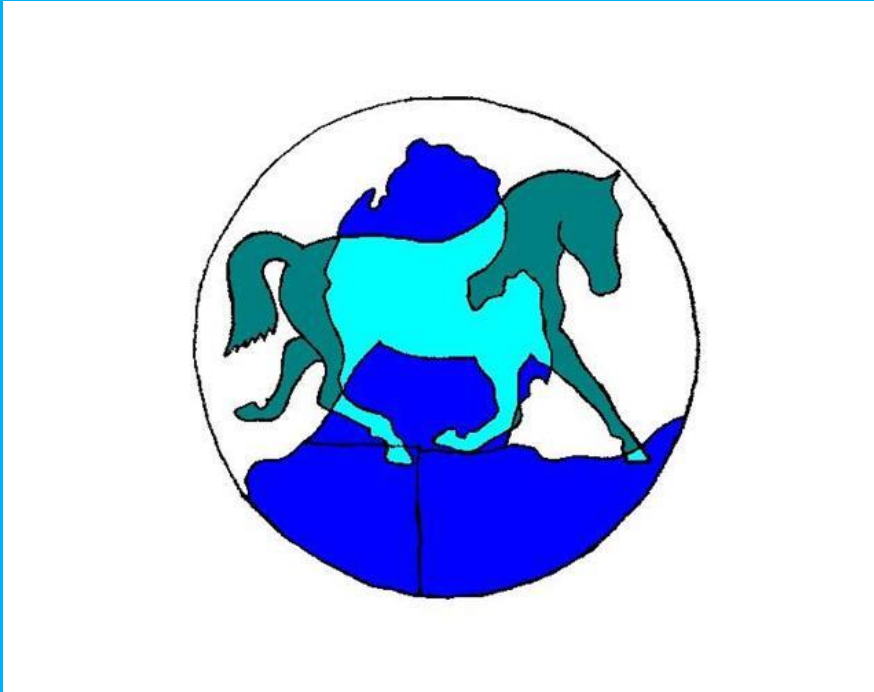
*April is Here!
Are you Ready?*

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Great Lakes Region Membership

We are growing...



Clubs & Centers = 129 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: 10

Traverse Bay: 30

Cedar Ridge: 6

K. Colfer Sporthorses: 11

Quiz 2024!

Quiz Rally was a HUGE success! Thank you volunteers, sponsors, organizers, parents and participants. Congratulations to everyone that qualified for Championships!

Thank you to our official photographer, Casey Field. As usual, she did an outstanding job. Check out all the pictures on our Great Lakes Region PC Facebook page.



2024 Silent & Live Auction

Due to our outstanding donors, bidders and clubs, the silent and live auction raised \$7,648 at this year's Quiz Rally. Additionally, we raised \$750 for Mason Konesky's International Quiz Team. Way to go everyone!



Save the Date! Quiz 2025

When: March 8, 2025

Where: Great Wolf Lodge - Traverse City, MI

Theme: The Kentucky Derby!



Festival Championships Intention Form

You DO NOT want to miss the Festival Championships this year! You will find a "Championship Intention Form" on our GLR website under "forms", our Facebook page and the email this newsletter came with. Please fill it out ASAP! Even if you haven't qualified yet, but intend to qualify at Mega Rally (which is AFTER the DEADLINE) fill it out!

It is only \$25 before May 1st, but \$50 afterwards. The reason we need it so early is to make sure we have enough swag for everyone that intends to go. If you are not sure what you have already qualified for, please contact Lori Page or myself (Jen Wolf). Some members qualified in 2023 at Flex Rally in various disciplines.

GLRPC INTENTION FORMS DUE: MAY 1st



USPC Festival Championships Registration

The official USPC registration for Festival **Championships** opens on May 1st. This is why it is important to get your intention forms into Lori Page before then, so that I can approve your intention and you can proceed with your registration online with USPC.

USPC REGISTRATION DATES

Opening Date: Monday, May 1, 2024

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

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



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.




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.



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

Hunter's Run Derby Commitment

HUNTERS RUN FARM LTD



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 & Mini Camp!

When: Memorial Day Weekend - May 25-27

Where: Fjern Fields - Manistee, Mi - (Ginger Wisseman's Farm)

Who: D3 and above members

What: Clinic, Rally Prep, Longing, C Testing and possible ride to the beach!

We will be flying in a USPC clinician for this camp. More information about this awesome opportunity will be sent to you soon!





Mega Rally 2024

When: June 22nd & June 23rd

Haul In: June 21st (more info on this to come)

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

Disciplines: Show Jumping, Dressage, Western Dressage and Tetrathlon

This will be a qualifying rally for Champs! More detailed information coming SOON!

Speaking of Mega Rally...We need YOU!

Come join the best team around! We are looking for volunteers to be on our rally committee! Is your life super busy? YES? Super! We feel the same way, but we LOVE Pony Club! So don't be shy. We know and understand how life can be crazy, but together we can continue to make GLR GREAT!

As you know, Pony Club cannot "canter" without a key set of volunteers. Your board members are here to work hard for you, but we NEED help! The more help we have, the easier and smoother our events can continue to "gallop". This is a HUGE year for Pony Club and Mega Rally is just around the corner. If you can and are willing to be on our Rally Committee, PLEASE contact Kerry McKinley (616-581-1457) or Ginger Wisseman (231-233-7987). We promise to give you a task that won't completely overwhelm you. **It is imperative that new volunteers start coming forward and learn some of the behind the scenes stuff so that the GLR can continue to "trot" for years to come.**

If you cannot commit to being on the Rally Committee, but you have a child participating in Mega Rally, you will be required to have a volunteer role during the competition. Thank you for helping make this rally a super great experience for all our members and families!



January 22-26, 2025

Speaking of Volunteers...

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) or Kerry McKinley (ric@glrponyclub.org)

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

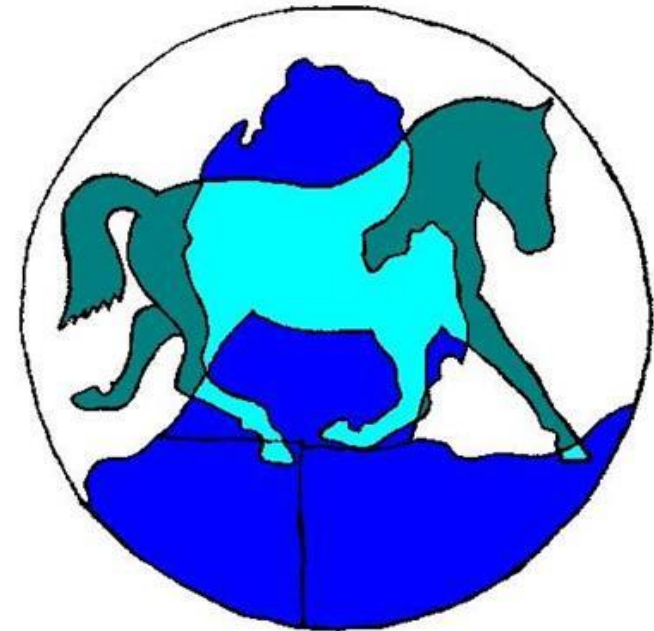
- April 1 - Championship Intention Forms Available
- April 1 - GLR Club Leadership Call @ 7:30PM
- April 5-7- GLR Board Member Retreat
- May 1 - Champs Intention Forms Due
- May 6 - GLR Club Leadership Call @ 7:30PM
- May 25-27 - UL Clinic/Mini Camp D3 and Above, Rally Prep, C Testing and Longing @ Fjern Fields - Manistee, Mi
- May 31 - Mega Rally Registration Deadline
- June 3 - GLR Leadership Call @ 7:30PM
- June 22-23 - Mega Rally @ Wyn Farm - Williamston, Mi
- June 24 - USPC Champs Entry Forms DUE to USPC by NOON
- July 1 - GLR Club Leadership Call @ 7:30PM
- July 3 - USPC Festival Education Entries Due
- July 15-22 - USPC Festival Championships @ Kentucky Horse Park

More Updates Coming Soon...

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

Please contact me for more information or questions!

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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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Lori Page "VRS" Vice Regional Supervisor

Kerry McKinley "RIC" Regional Instruction Coordinator

Ginger Wisseman "HMO" Horse Management Organizer

Amy Fidler Secretary

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