



Great Lakes Region Pony Club

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NEWSLETTER



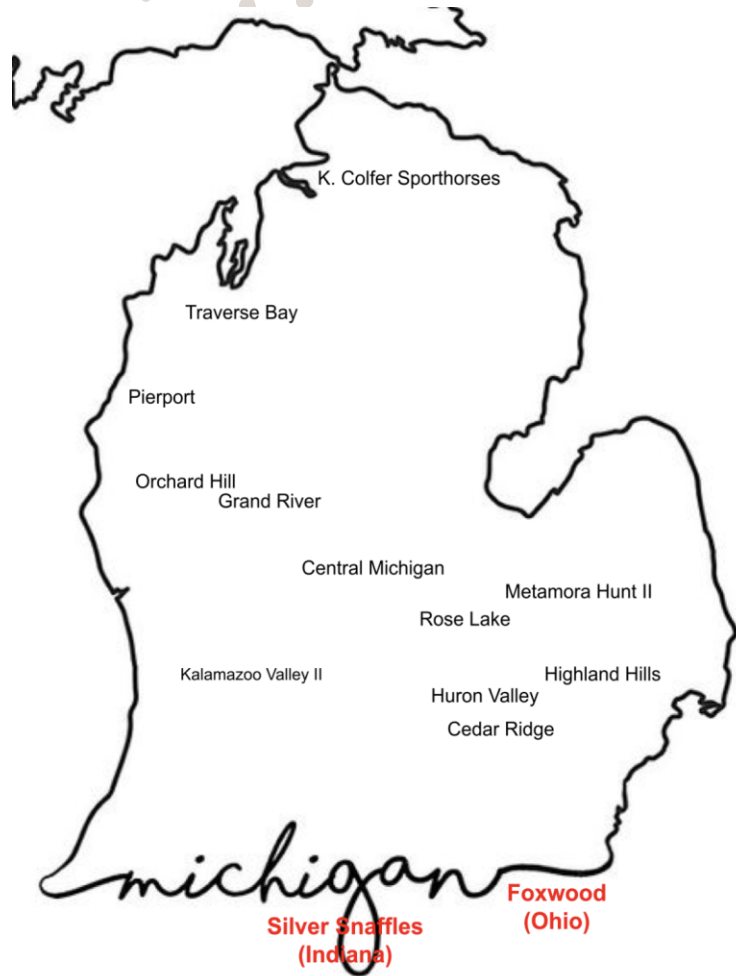
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Great Lakes Region Membership As of December 8, 2024

Clubs & Centers = 146 Members



Central Michigan: 2

Foxwood: 9

Grand River: 9

Highland Hills: 5

Huron Valley: 20

Kalamazoo Valley II: 6

Metamora Hunt II: 9

Orchard Hill: 2

Pierport: 9

Rose Lake: 6

Silver Snaffles: 12

Traverse Bay: 40

Cedar Ridge: 6

K. Colfer Sporthorses: 11

Fall Regional Council Meeting Minutes

Below are the meeting minutes from our Fall Regional Council meeting.

[Click Here: 2024 Fall Regional Council Meeting Minutes](#)



Congratulations Mason!



Congratulations to Mason Konesky! She was recently accepted to join the National Youth Board for the United State Pony Club! Thank you for representing the Great Lakes Region Mason!

Fall Upper Level Clinic & Testing

The testing and clinic on November 9-10 at Lonetree Stables in Rockford, MI was a huge success! Chris Keim was the National Examiner. Congratulations to Josie, Katie, Linda and Maria for passing their tests! Thank you, Kerry McKinley, GLRPC RIC, for organizing and running another successful testing and clinic!



LONE TREE
STABLES



Attend Convention and get \$\$\$ BACK!



PLEASE attend Convention! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our Region to host Convention AND have it so close to home! To help ease the financial burden, the Region is offering a reimbursement to leaders and members that attend.

ONE Leader per club = \$250 for full convention **OR** \$220 for weekend reimbursement

ALL MEMBERS = \$50 reimbursement

In order to get the reimbursement, you must register yourself AND attend. AFTER the convention, you will send your registration receipt to Melynda Ziehm (treasurer@glrponyclub.org), for reimbursement. Your local club may be offering reimbursements as well, please check with your local DC.

Early Registration (discounted ticketing) Deadline = Jan 2nd @ 11:59pm

[Registration Instructions](#)

[Convention Daily Schedule](#)

[Workshop Presenters](#)



IMPORTANT Convention DEADLINE!

[Reserve Your Room Here!](#)

If you plan to stay at The Resort for Convention, the deadline to reserve a room at the discounted rate is **DECEMBER 21st!**

Make your reservation ASAP!!

See the next slide for details.



The Grand Traverse Resort & Spa



The 2025 USPC Convention will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, Mich. The Grand Traverse has exciting amenities and entertainment, such as an indoor water playground, a health center, shops, a spa, and even escape rooms!

*Stay at the Grand Traverse for a
discounted rate!*

***All bookings must be made
by December 21, 2024!***

**Rooms start at
\$149 a night!***

*plus a \$21 per night resort fee

**BOOK TODAY AT:
[bit.ly/2025-convention-
hotel-booking](https://bit.ly/2025-convention-hotel-booking)**

Convention Silent Auction

We NEED silent auction donations! Please consider donating, even if it's something small! Reach out to businesses near you or friends that might have something new laying around that they no longer want. All proceeds come right back to our region!

Here are things we are looking for:

- NEW items!
- Small-ish items that can easily be transported for people traveling to Convention, however, we WILL take big items!
- Items for ALL ages.
- They do not need to be horse related items!

Here is a letter to help collect donations. **Donation Letter**

If you have questions, please contact: Stephanie Bugai (231) 631-7783 or Melynda Ziehm (231) 233-1541.



Volunteer at Convention!

We need volunteers to make this Convention a success. To make it easy, we've created a Signup Genius for you to sign up for a day/days that works for you. **We will need help at the registration desk, in pony paddock, at shop pony club, hospitality, trade show, etc, etc.** Please use the sign up link below to let us know when we can count on you (2, 4, 6, 8 hour shifts are all available). Once we have an idea of who is available when, we'll begin assigning shifts (realistically this will start happening near the end of December/early January).

Click here to sign up to volunteer at Convention: [Signup Genius](#)



Convention - Research Project Fair

This is an incredible opportunity for our members to showcase their knowledge and talents! **Deadline to submit your projects is January 2nd!**

Research Project Fair Information Found **HERE**

For more insight, please feel free to reach out to Candy Tavormina - candytavo@yahoo.com.



Convention Spirit Wear

There will be **pre-sale spirit wear available** at [Shop Pony Club](#) in time for holiday gift giving - long-sleeve t-shirts, ceramic mugs, and the traditional convention pin. We'll be sure to let you know when the shop has been stocked! **The convention PIN and MUG are available now!** The long-sleeve shirts will be available soon!



GLRPC Quiz Rally 2025 – Discount Code Open!



Theme: The Kentucky Derby

When: Saturday, March 8th (spring council meeting to follow on March 9th)

Where: Great Wolf Lodge - Traverse City, Michigan

Highlights: Door prizes, dance party, cotton candy, art contest, costume/team theme contest, silent auction and more!

**Reserve a room NOW! Discount Code =
2503USPO**

***Registration Packets will be coming out at the end
of December!***

Here is a link to the 2024 pictures to get you excited! [2024 Quiz Rally Pictures](#) Thank you Casey Field!



Save the Dates - Upper Level Clinics

Back by popular demand! Mark your calendars! UL unmounted Zoom clinics are back!!

EVERYONE is welcome. Links to these clinics will be sent to all members and leaders a few days prior to the meetings. Each clinic will begin at 7:30 pm!

Dec 16th Diseases w/ Kate

Jan 7th Body Systems w/ Brenna

Feb 11th Nutrition w/ Brenna

March 20th Lameness w/ Kate

National Testing Coming to GLR

Save the Date!

The Great Lakes Region has been approved to host a National Testing for C3-A levels at Revel Run on June 23-24, 2025 @ Revel Run in Chelsea, Michigan.



GLR June Camp – Save the Date!

Following the National Testing at Revel Run, the Great Lakes Region will be having a Camp at Revel Run on June 24th-27th for ALL members! More details coming soon!



More Updates Coming Soon...

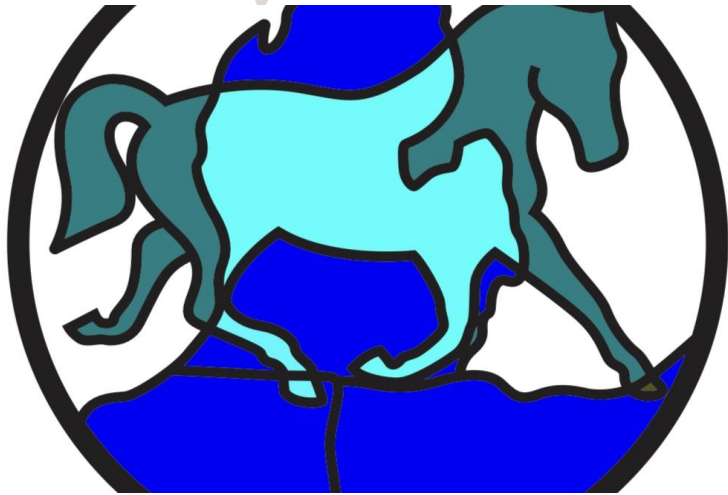
- Updates to the Calendar
- More Convention Info
- Quiz Rally Packet & Update
- National Testing & Camp Details

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.***

Jenifer Wolf "RS" Regional Supervisor

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